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# SONIC™



## THE HEDGEHOG

## THE BLUE BLUR



TOUCH ME  
AND I'LL  
SUE!



# SHADOW

## THE HEDGEHOG

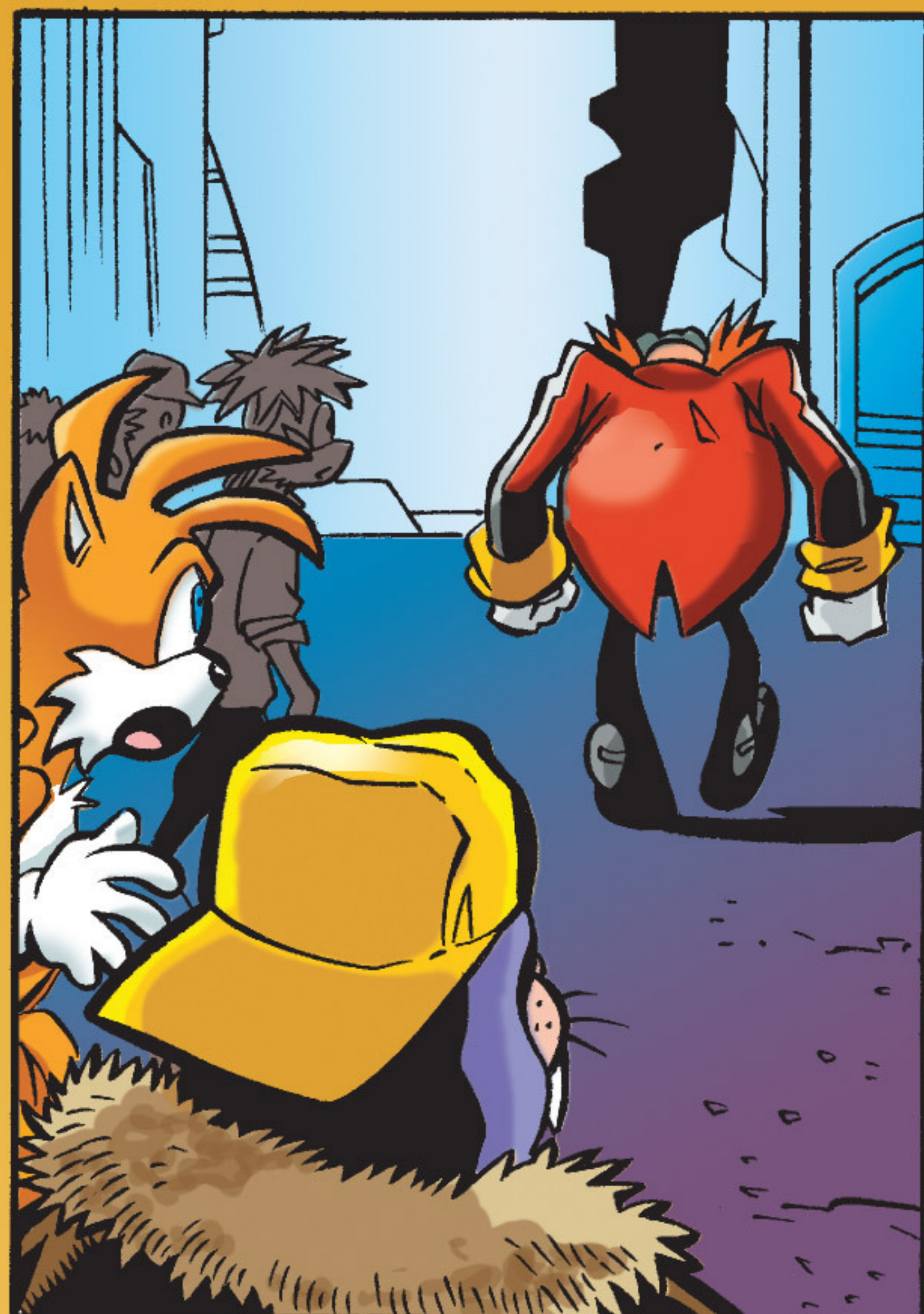
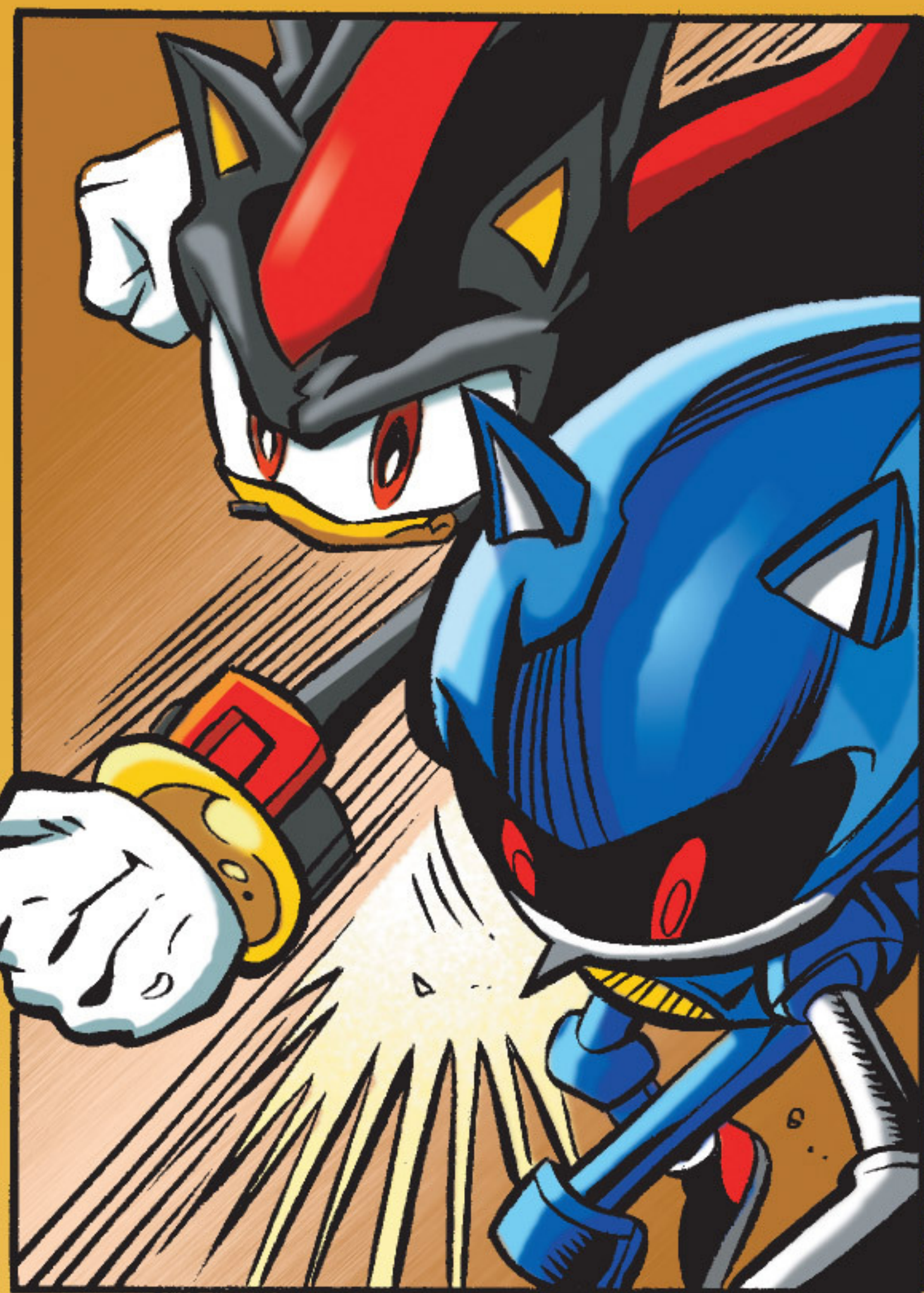
### THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM



INVESTIGATING THE LABORATORY WHERE HIS CREATOR DR. GERALD WAS ONCE HELD PRISONER, SHADOW DISCOVERED METAL SONIC DOING LIKEWISE. THE REINTRODUCTION DIDN'T GO WELL...

WHEN METAL SONIC FOUND HIMSELF ON THE LOSING END, HE FIRED A HIGH-ENERGY WEAPON WHICH EXPLODED IN ITS HAND, LEAVING THE COMBATANTS DAMAGED, UNCONSCIOUS, AND READY TO BE HAULED AWAY BY MECHA, "DAUGHTER" OF DOCTOR GERALD'S DESCENDANT, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...

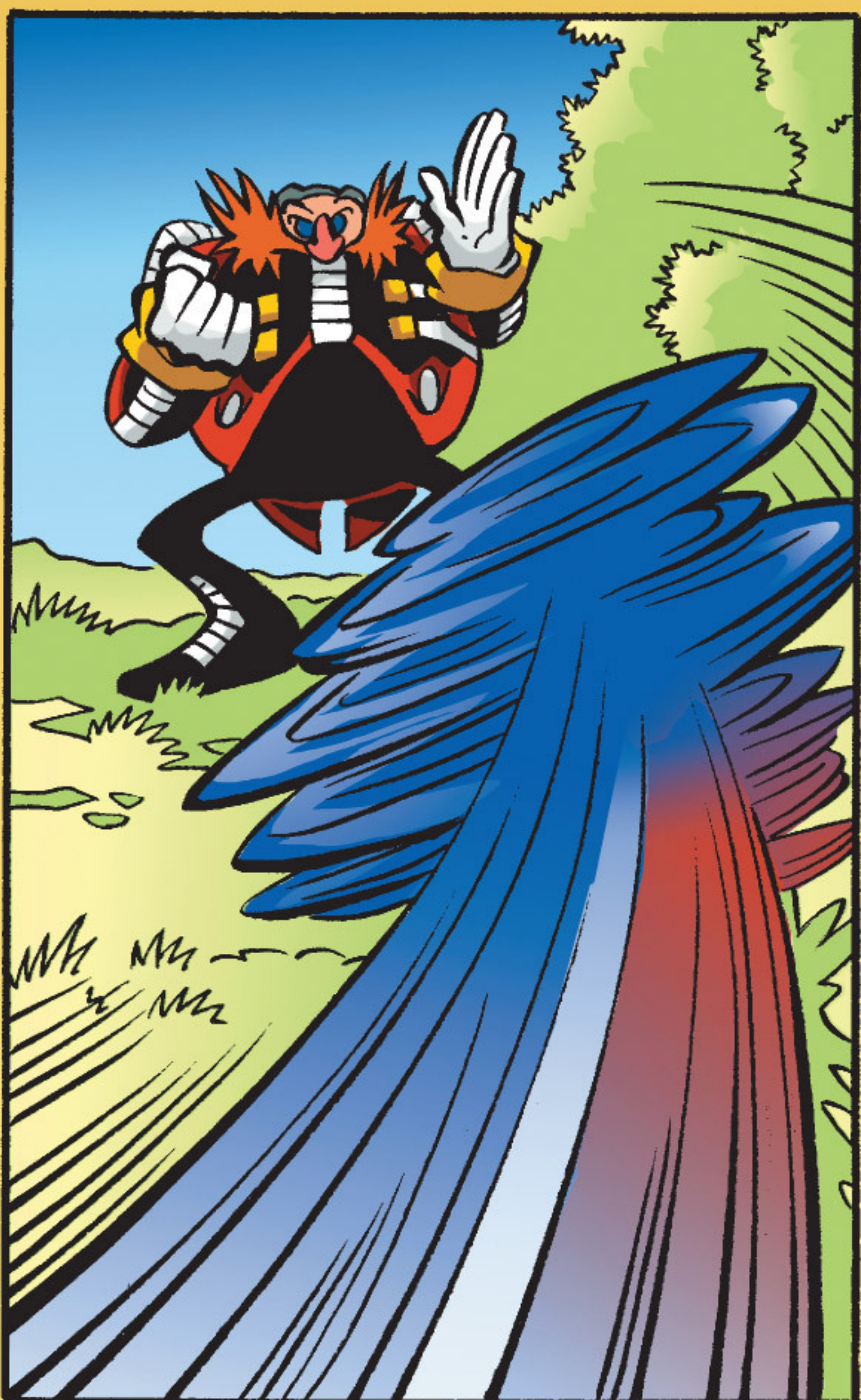
MEANWHILE, OVER IN KNOTHOLE, EVERYONE WAS IN AN UPROAR OVER THE UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF THE LAST PERSON THEY COULD IMAGINE WALKING AMONG THEM...



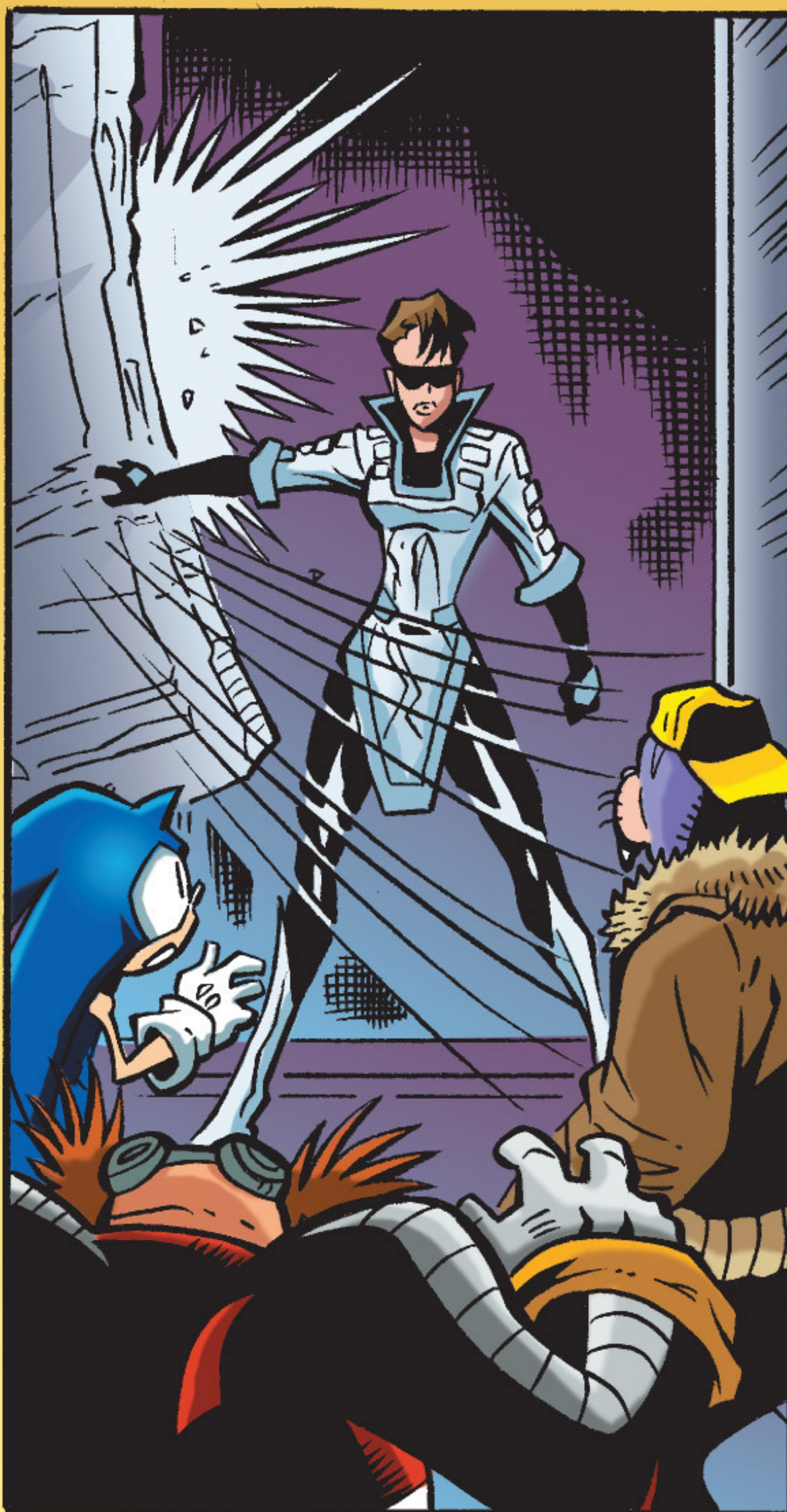
WHEN THE VILLAINOUS ROBOTNIK SHOWED UP ON SONIC'S DOORSTEP, THE BLUE BLUR'S REACTION WAS BOTH SPONTANEOUS AND PREDICTABLE--

UPON ARRIVING AT ROBOTNIK'S BASE OF OPERATIONS, SONIC AND COMPANY FOUND THEMSELVES UNDER ATTACK BY MECHA--

--WHO BLOCKED ROBOTNIK'S ESCAPE WHILE AN ARMY OF METAL SONICS SURROUNDED HIM, AS SONIC AND ROTOR LAY NEARBY, UNCONSCIOUS...



--UNTIL HE LEARNED WHY HIS GREATEST NEMESIS HAD COME TO HIM...





**SONIC**

THE HEDGEHOG

# SYSTEM RECONFIGURATION

MY MASTER  
IS NOW IN  
CONTROL!

...HAS  
NOW  
COMMENCED...

YOU MEAN  
OTHER THAN  
ME? WE'LL  
SEE ABOUT  
THAT!

A.D.A.M.--  
OVERRIDE  
SYSTEM  
MECHA!

A.D.A.M.?

A.D.A.M.  
!!!

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CONFOUND IT! THEIR PROGRAM-  
MING MUST BE SCRAMBLED BY  
AN OUTSIDE SOURCE!

SEEMS LIKE *SNIVELY\**  
HAS GIVEN THE RODENTS  
THE KEYS TO MY  
EMPIRE!

\*SNIVELY IS  
ROBOTNIK'S  
NEPHEW, AND  
HAS JOINED  
WITH SONIC  
IN SONIC  
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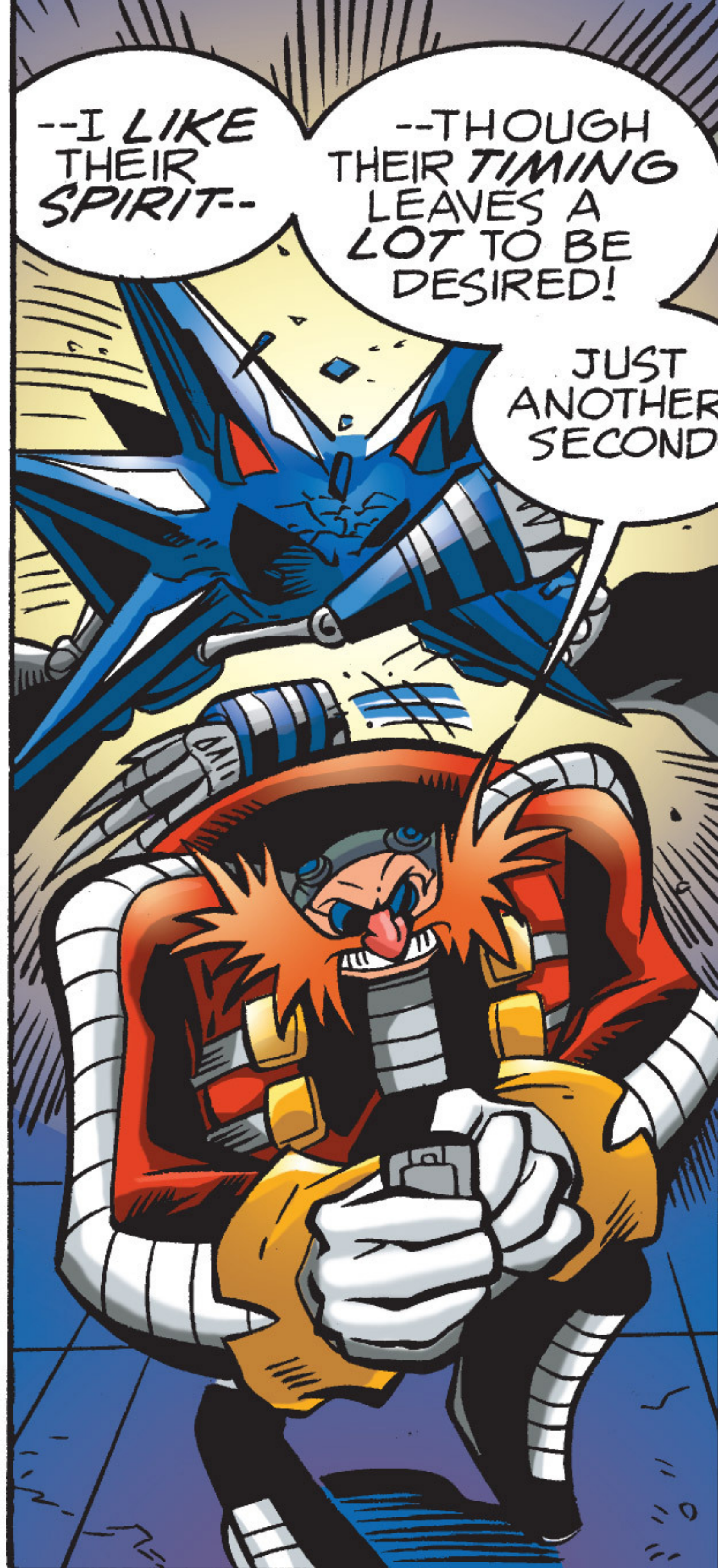
CRUSH--

KILL!

--DESTROY  
!!!

AS FOR THESE  
PIRATED KNOCK-OFFS,  
CONSIDERING I HAD  
NOTHING TO DO WITH  
THEIR CONSTRUCTION--





--I LIKE THEIR SPIRIT--

--THOUGH THEIR TIMING LEAVES A LOT TO BE DESIRED!

JUST ANOTHER SECOND--



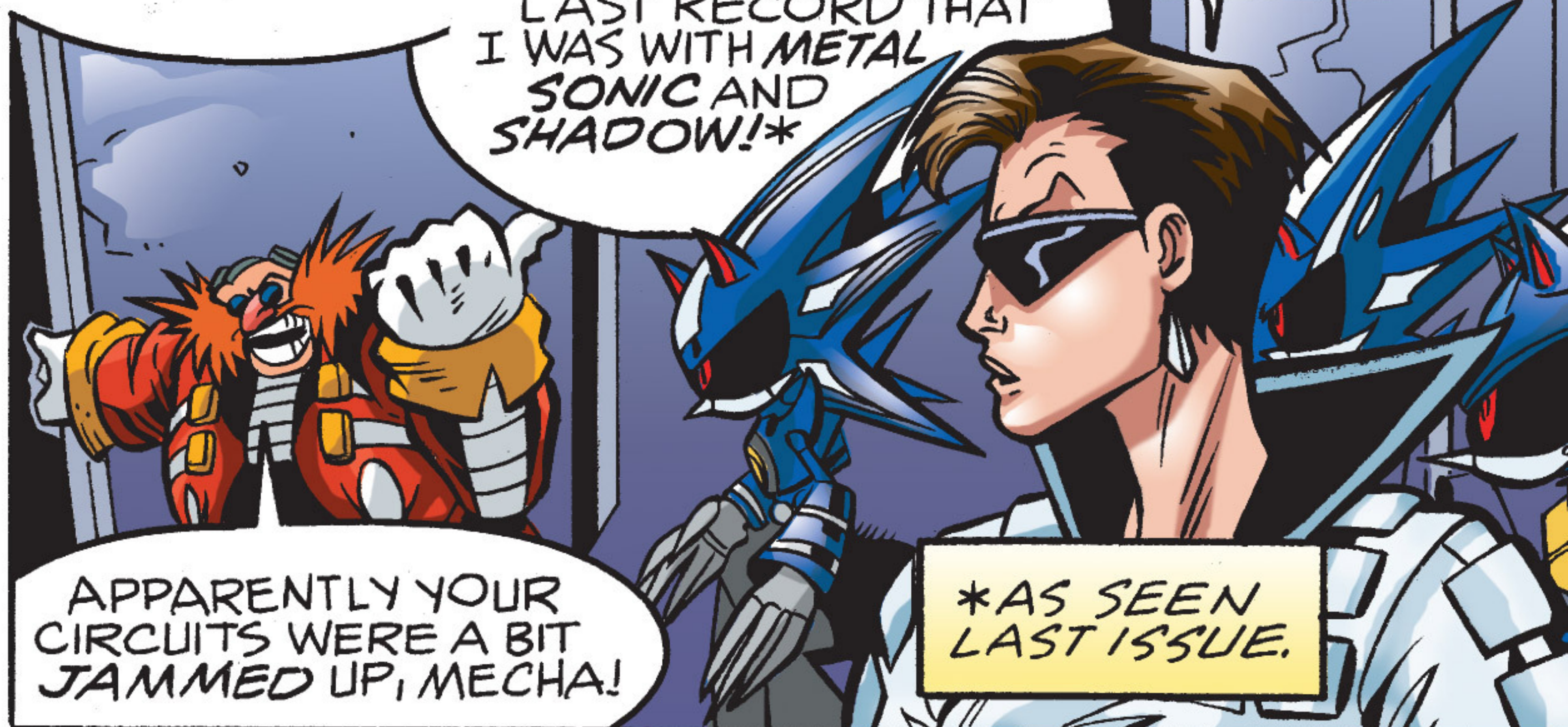
--AND VOILÀ!!!

MY PHASE INVERTER SHOULD EVEN THE ODDS!

BRRRRP

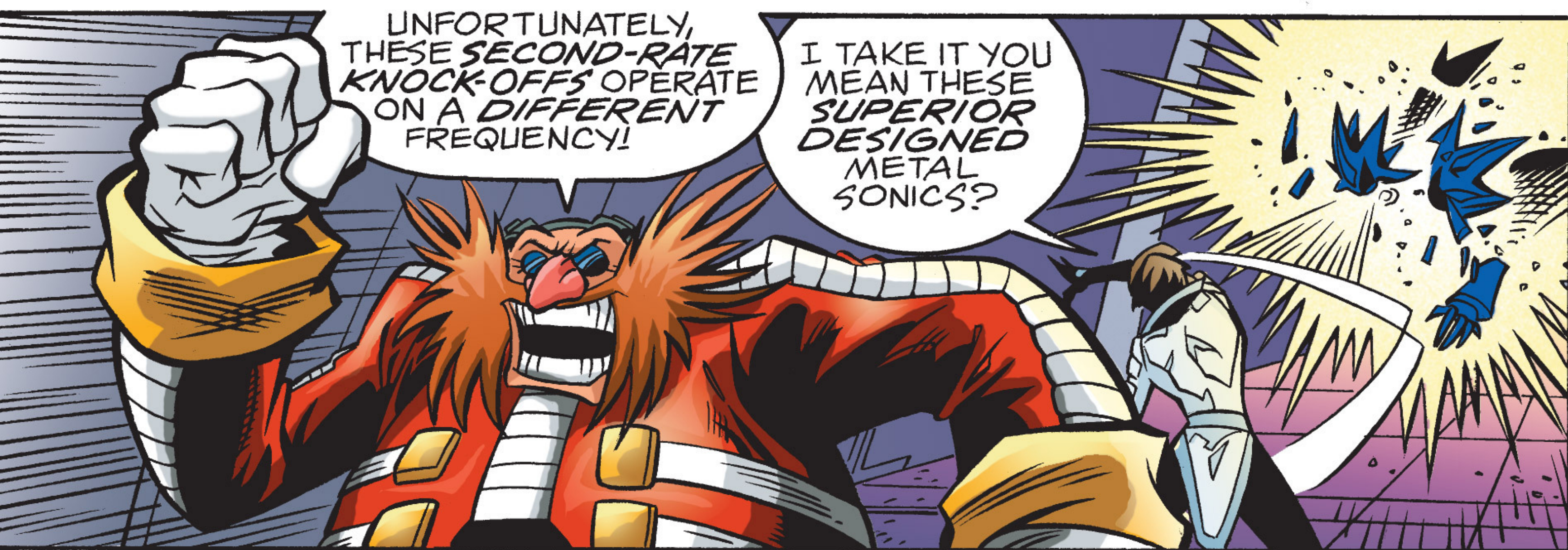
FATHER, THIS DOES NOT COMPUTE!

MY DATA-BANKS LAST RECORD THAT I WAS WITH METAL SONIC AND SHADOW!\*



APPARENTLY YOUR CIRCUITS WERE A BIT JAMMED UP, MECHA!

\*AS SEEN LAST ISSUE.



UNFORTUNATELY, THESE SECOND-RATE KNOCK-OFFS OPERATE ON A DIFFERENT FREQUENCY!

I TAKE IT YOU MEAN THESE SUPERIOR DESIGNED METAL SONICS?



YOU CAN SAVE THE CONSUMER REPORT FOR LATER--

--AS OUR IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS SELF-PRESERVATION!



STILL, IT ALL MAY NOT BE A TOTAL LOSS!

YOUR MISSION HAS OBVIOUSLY YIELDED UNEXPECTED DIVIDENDS.

YOU MEAN SHADOW?



WELL, CERTAINLY  
*NOT* THAT BUSTED-UP  
PIECE OF *WRECKAGE*  
THAT'S LYING NEXT  
TO HIM!

NOW GET US  
OUT OF HERE,  
MECHA--

"--AS A.D.A.M.  
IS NOT RE-  
SPONDING  
TO MY  
SIGNALS!!!"

YOU KNOW,  
THERE ARE  
DAYS--

--WHEN  
IT JUST  
*DOESN'T*  
PAY TO GET  
OUT OF  
BED!

LIKE--  
WHAT WAS I  
*THINKING*  
IN COMING  
*HERE?*

WHOA  
--!!!

*METAL*  
*SONICS!!!*  
AN ARMY  
OF 'EM!!!

I MAY  
LIKE THE  
DESIGN--

--BUT  
I CAN'T  
LET YOU  
GUYS RUN  
WILD!

MY SENSORS  
INDICATE YOU ARE  
BIOLOGICAL!

OH!  
ROBO-BUTT'S  
REALLY INTO  
OVERKILL,  
ISN'T HE?

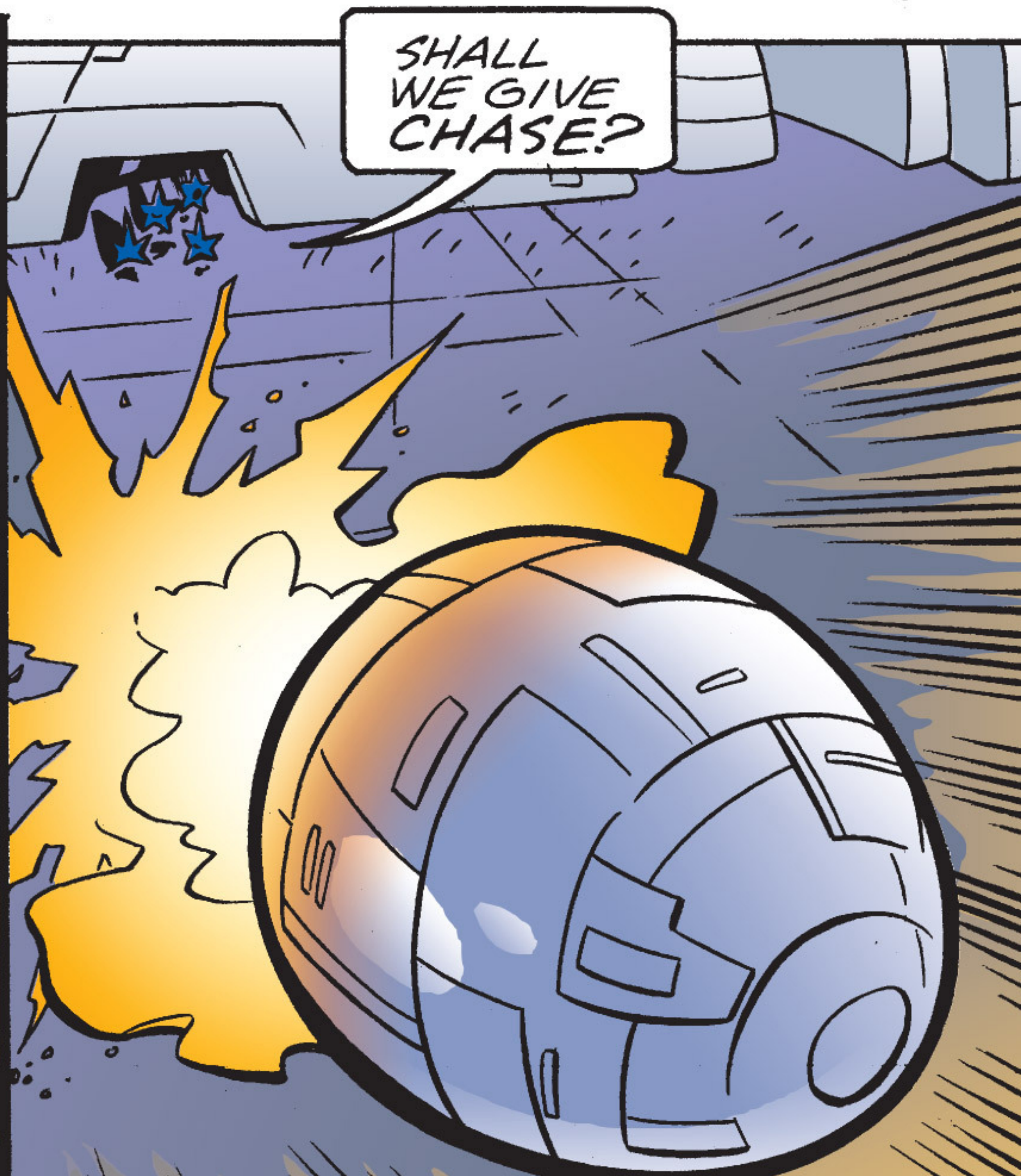
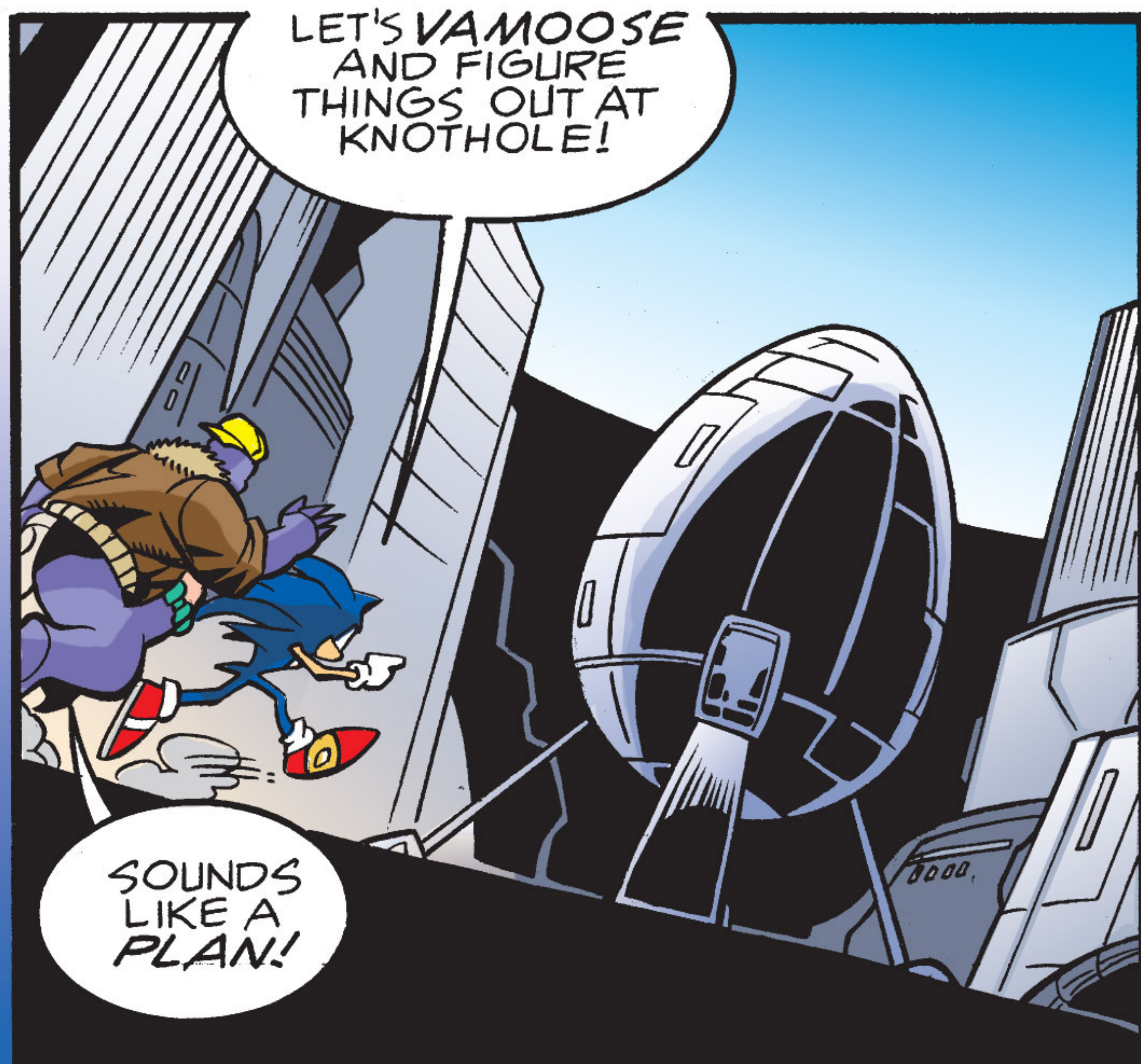
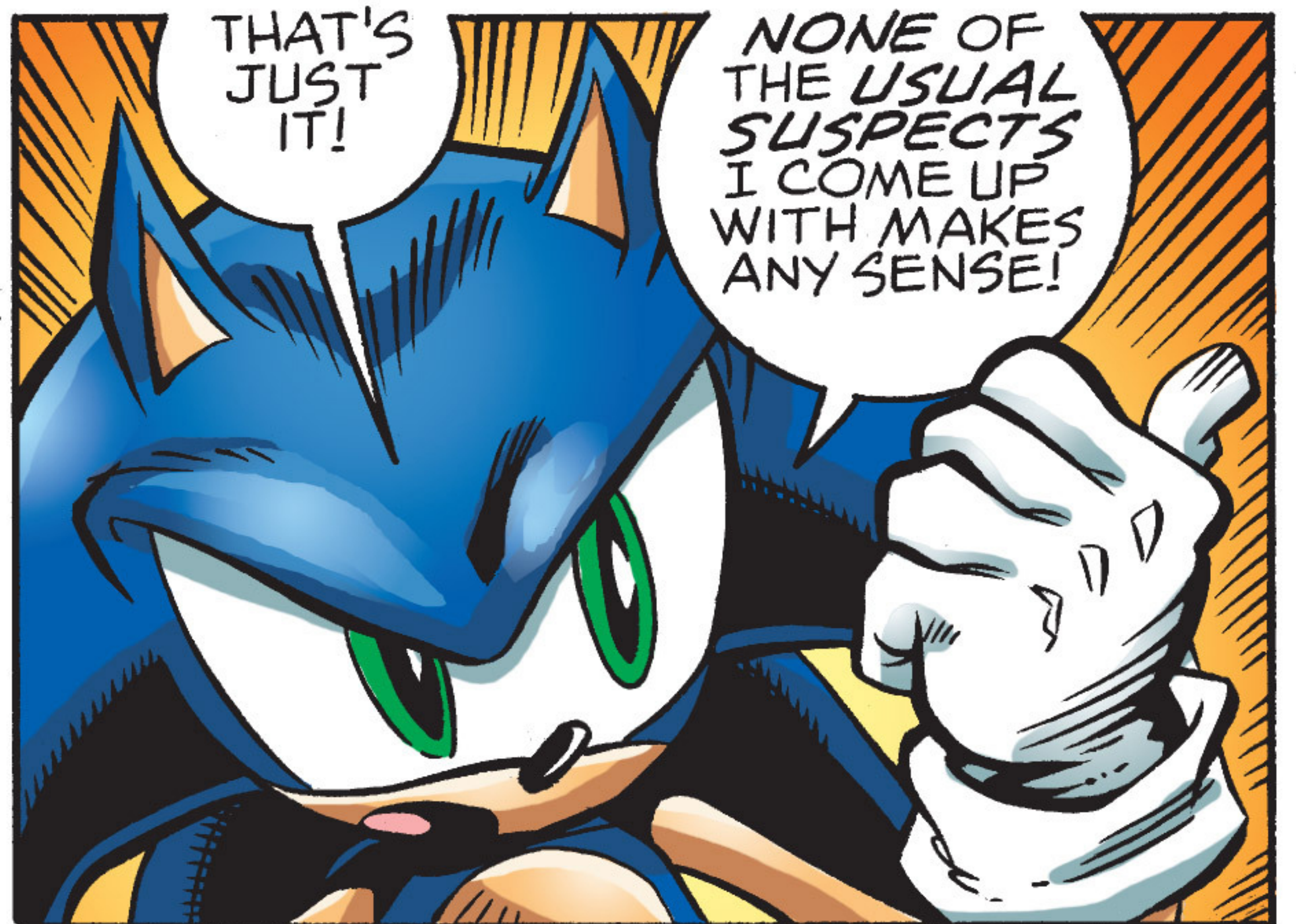
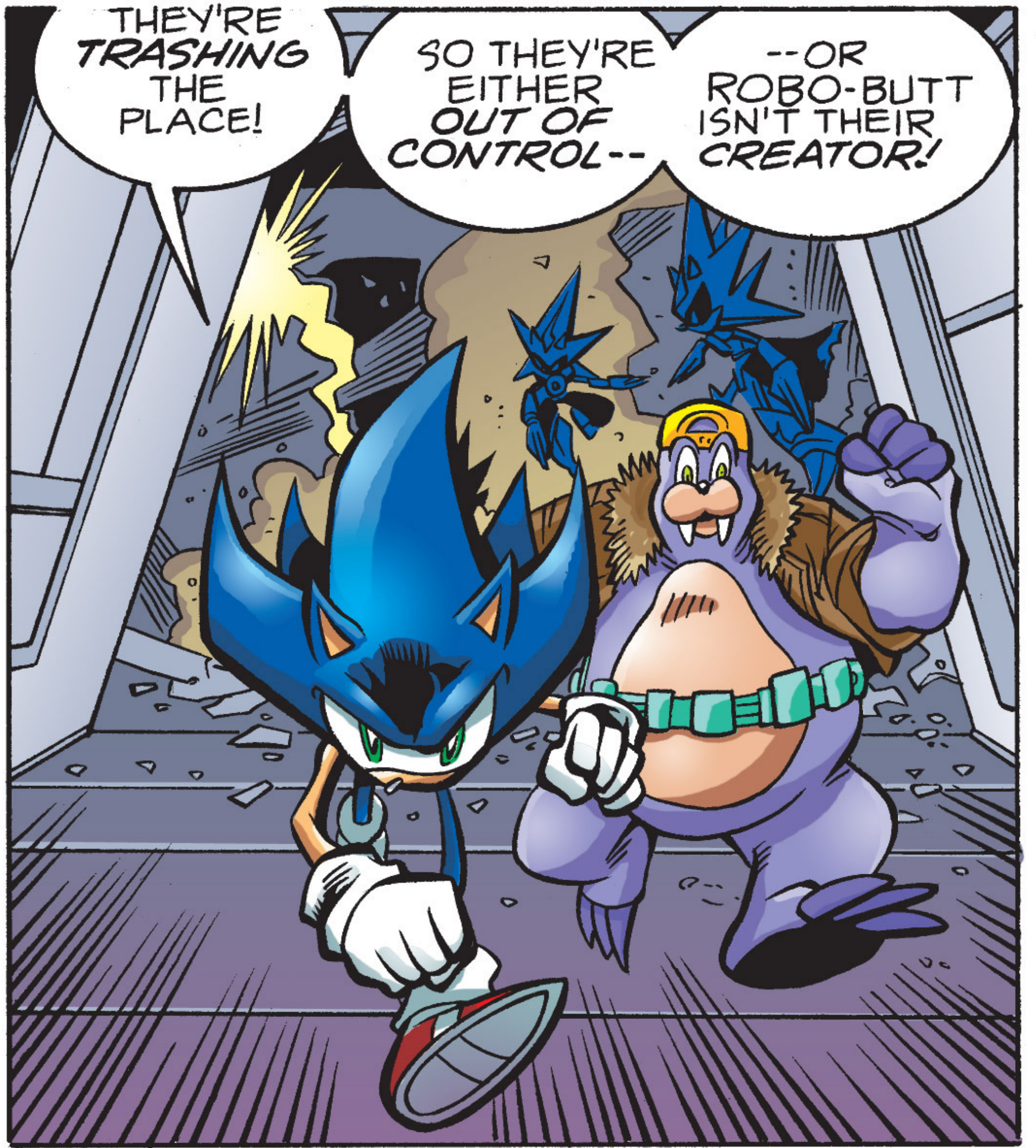
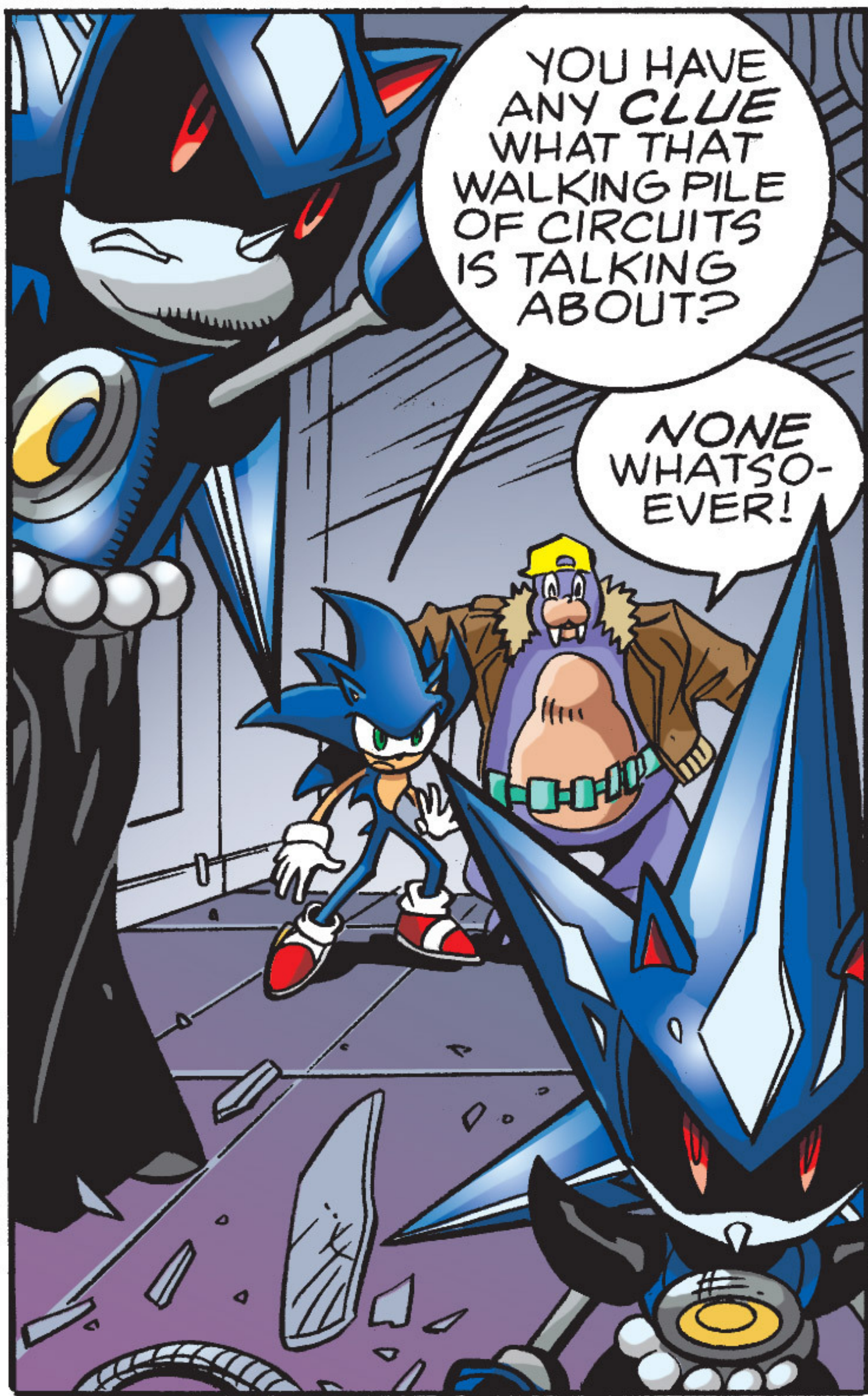
OH,  
MY!

HOLD,  
TROOPER  
SEVEN!

YOU ARE  
ADDRESSING  
MODEL  
ONE!

"MODEL  
ONE"?







NEGATIVE!

MY SENSORS  
DETECT NEITHER  
OUR OBJECTIVE  
NOR HIS CREA-  
TIONS WITHIN  
THE POD!

THEREFORE, WE  
WILL PROCEED AS  
OUTLINED IN OUR  
MISSION  
PARAMETERS--

"--TO SEEK THE  
BIOLOGICAL  
ENTITY KNOWN  
AS IVO  
ROBOTNIK--

"--ALONG WITH  
ANY AND ALL  
OPERATIVES  
AND INSTALLA-  
TIONS--

**BAM!**

"--AND  
ELIMINATE  
WITH EXTREME  
PREJUDICE--

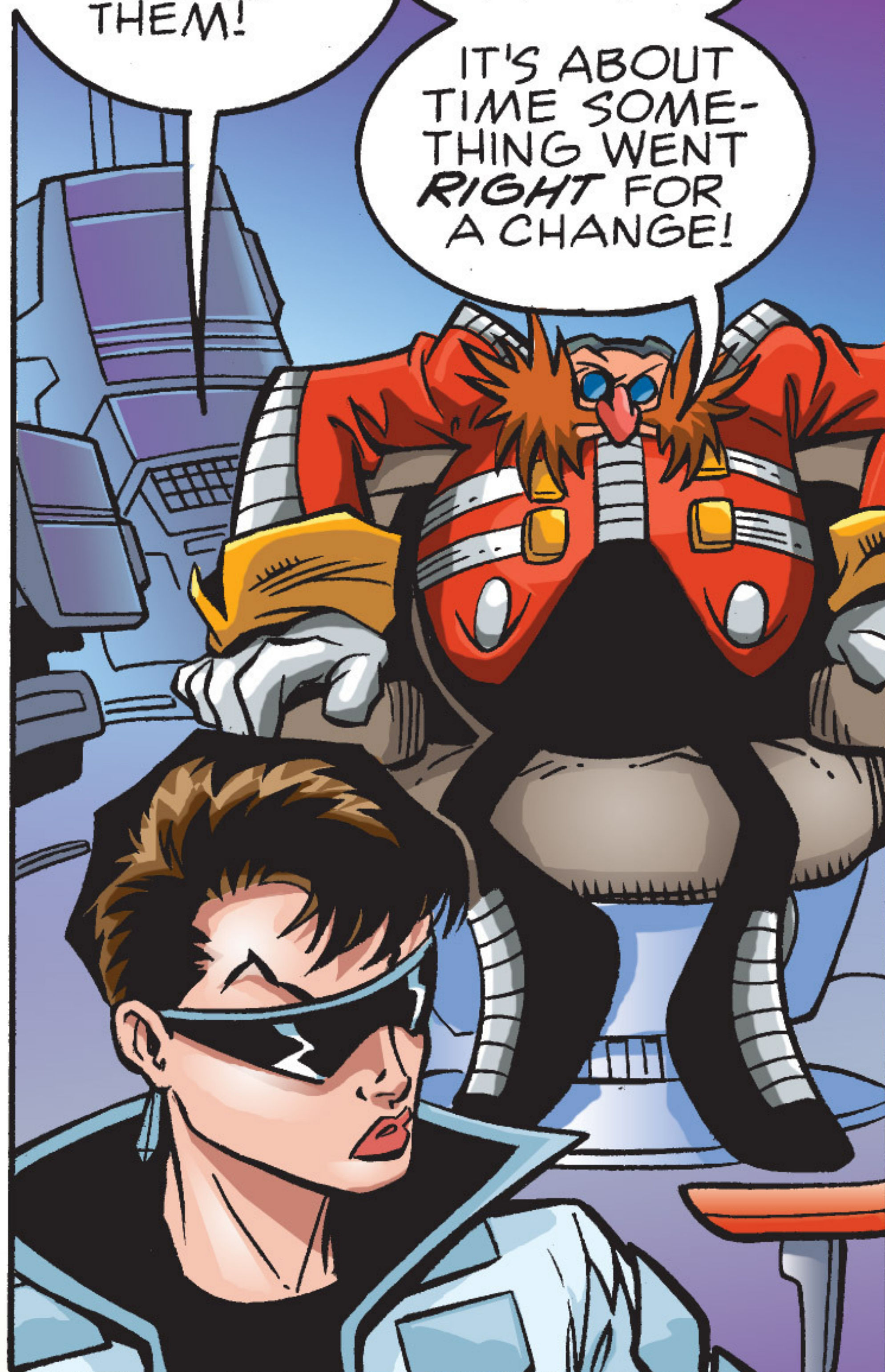
"--AS ORDERED  
BY ROYAL  
DECREE..."



--THREE--TWO--  
ONE--FILES  
ARE NOW  
DOWNLOADED,  
FATHER--



--AND READY  
FOR YOU TO  
ACCESS  
THEM!



EXCELLENT,  
MECHA!

IT'S ABOUT  
TIME SOME-  
THING WENT  
*RIGHT* FOR  
A CHANGE!

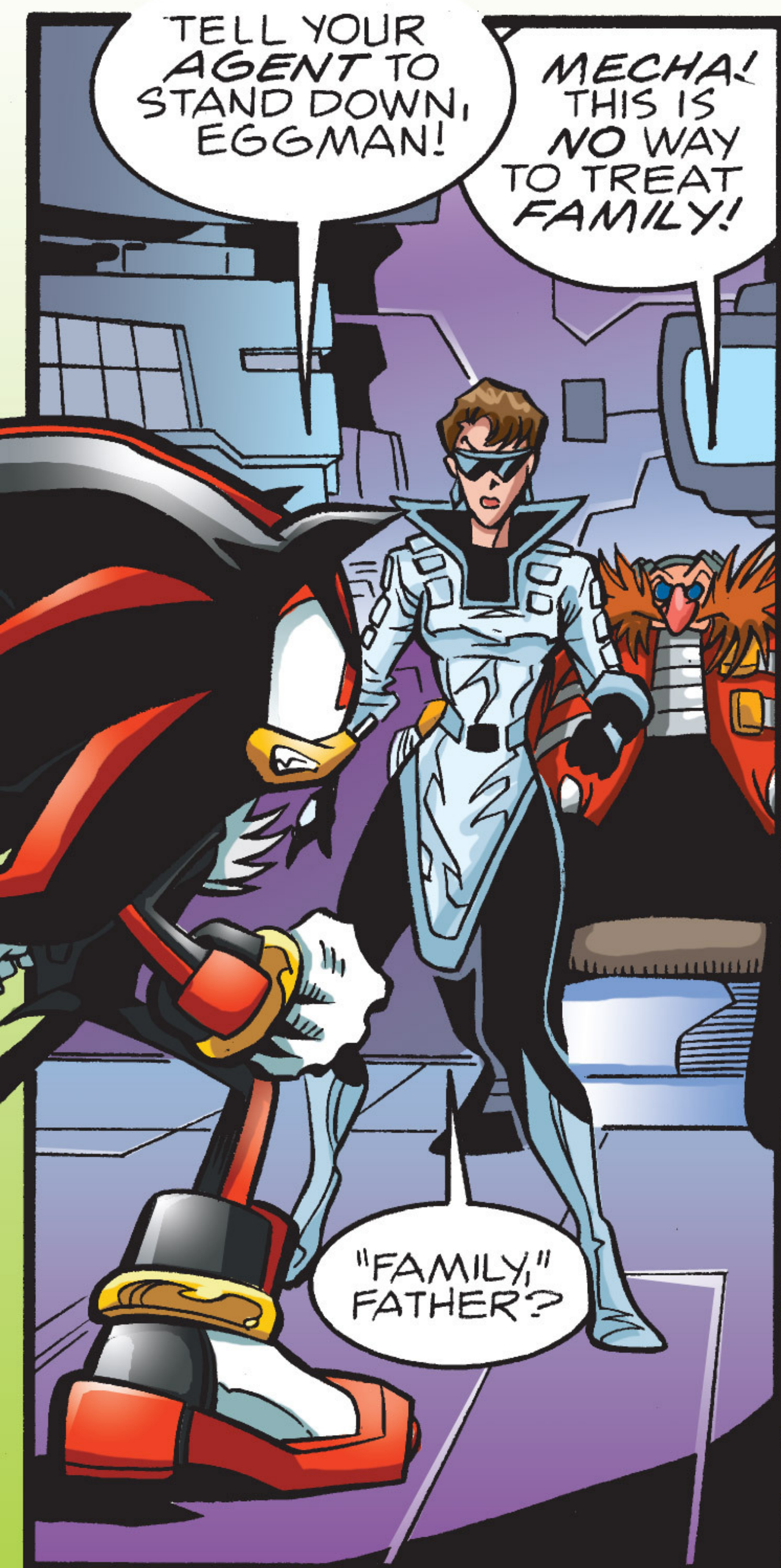
WELL, NOW...  
ISN'T *THIS*  
INTERESTING!



ISN'T  
*WHAT*  
INTEREST-  
ING?

TELL YOUR  
AGENT TO  
STAND DOWN,  
EGGMAN!

MECHA!  
THIS IS  
NO WAY  
TO TREAT  
FAMILY!



"FAMILY,"  
FATHER?

I DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND!

NOR  
DO I!

WE ARE  
NOTHING  
ALIKE!



NOT  
"US,"  
YOU  
CRETIN!

I FIND IT AMAZING  
THAT, AS A SENTIENT  
BEING, YOU FAIL TO SEE  
THE FAMILY  
RESEMBLANCE!

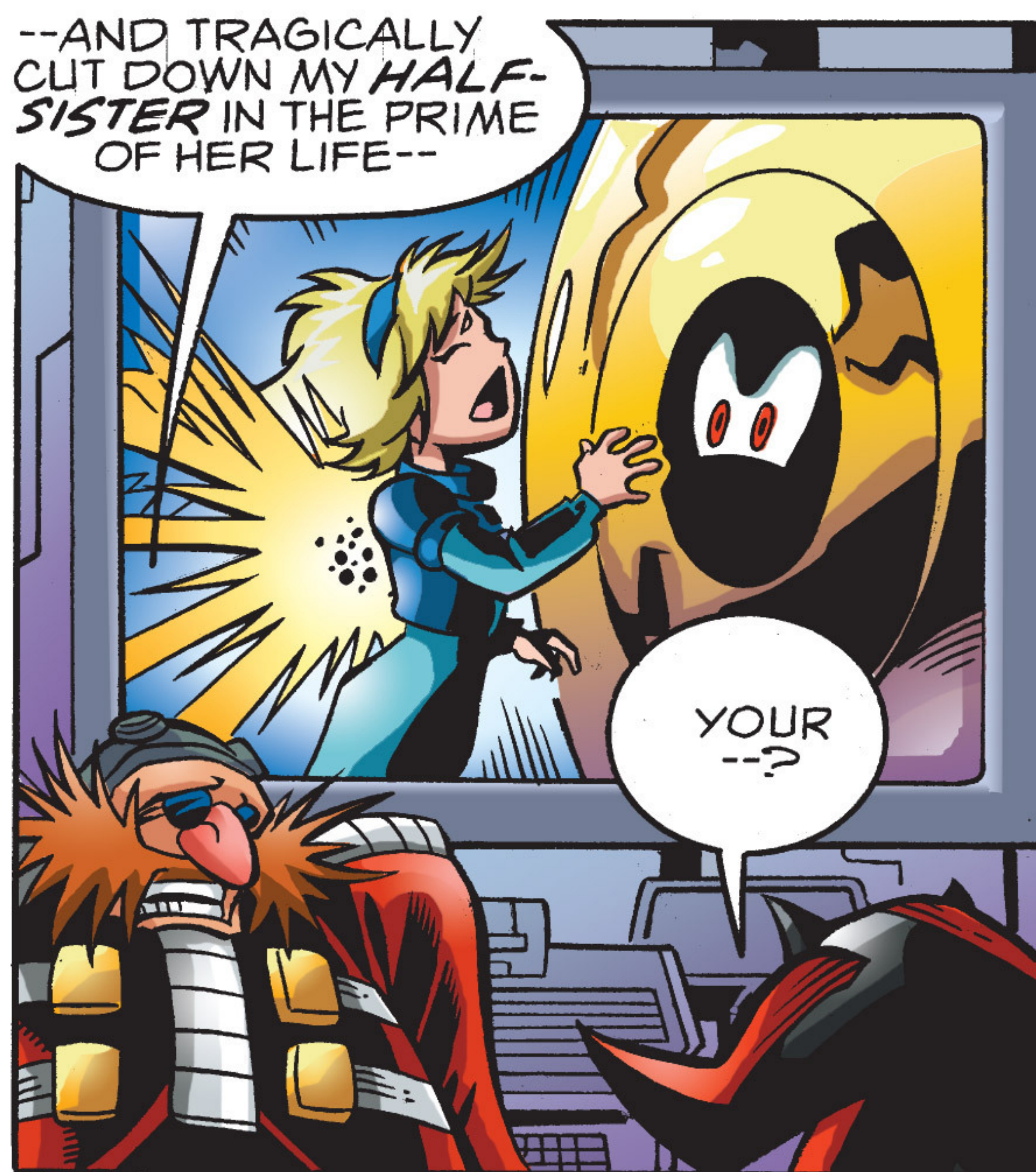
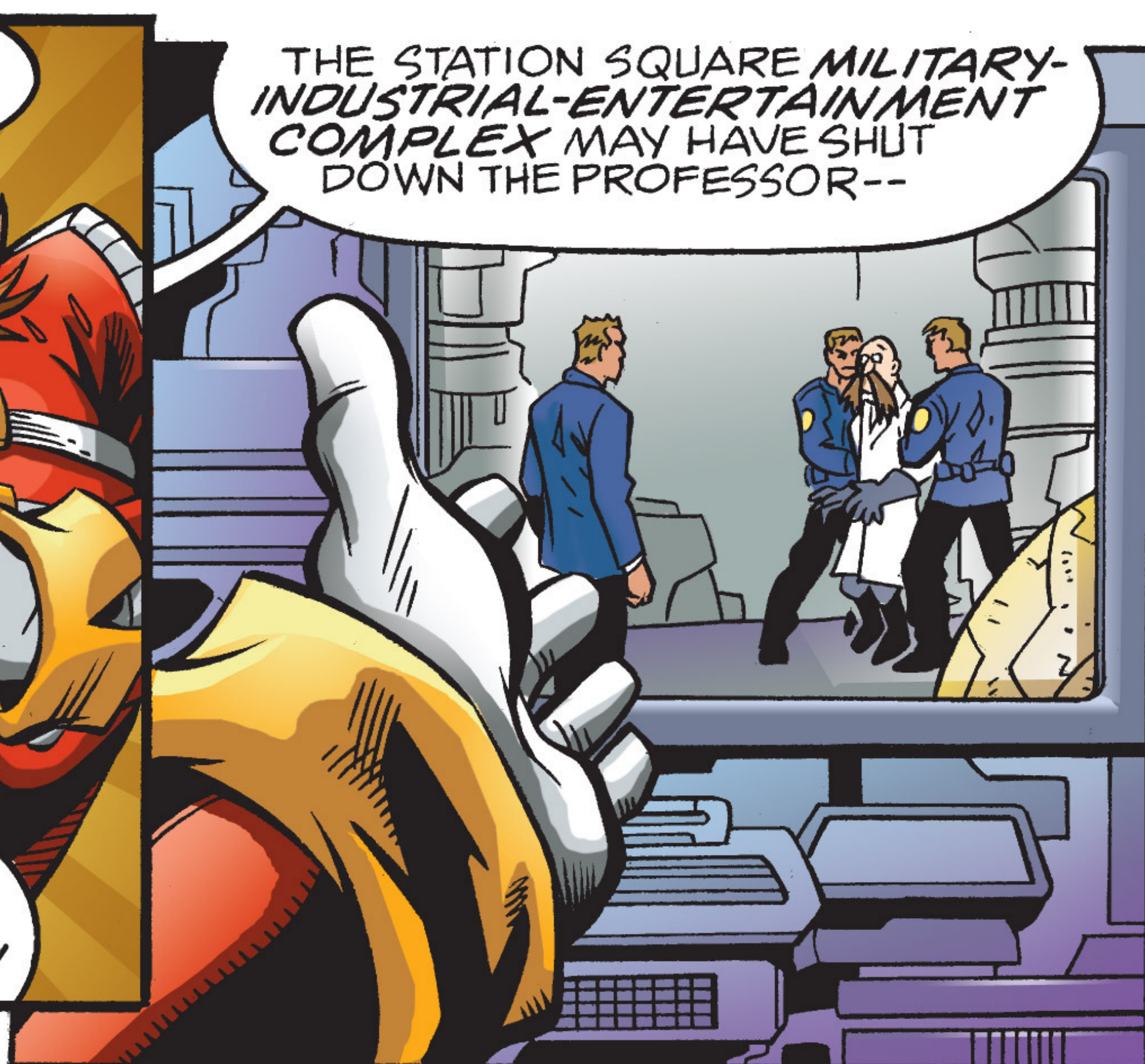
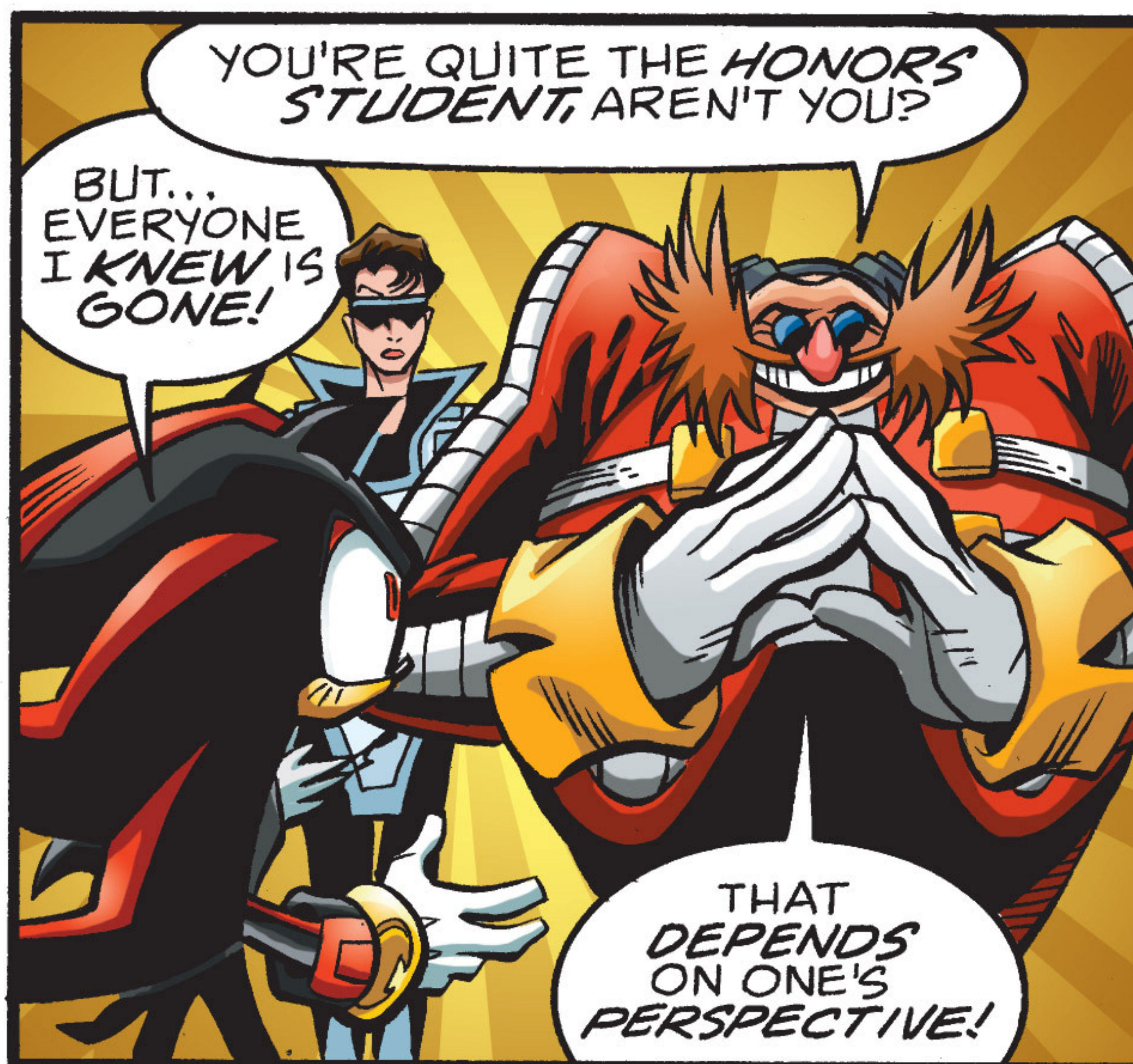
I'M  
TALKING  
ABOUT MY  
GRAND-  
FATHER--

--YOUR  
CREATOR!



P-PRO-  
FESSOR  
GERALD  
?!







"HOW ABOUT LEARNING WHO CREATED THOSE METAL SONICS--AND WHY?"

SIR CHARLES?  
I WAS TOLD YOU  
NEEDED TO  
SEE ME!

WHAT  
THE DEVIL  
COULD BE SO  
IMPORTANT  
DOWN HERE?

SIR  
CHARLES  
!!!

MY WORST  
FEARS  
REALIZED--

--AND KING  
ELIAS HAS NO  
IDEA WHAT HE'S  
STUMBLING ONTO!

SIR  
CHARLES!

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN  
DOING IN THE SEALED-  
OFF PORTION OF THE  
CASTLE?

WHAT DO  
I SAY?

THE TRUTH  
THAT WOULD  
HORRIFY HIM--

--OR A LIE TO  
COVER THIS UP?

I  
...AH...  
A--

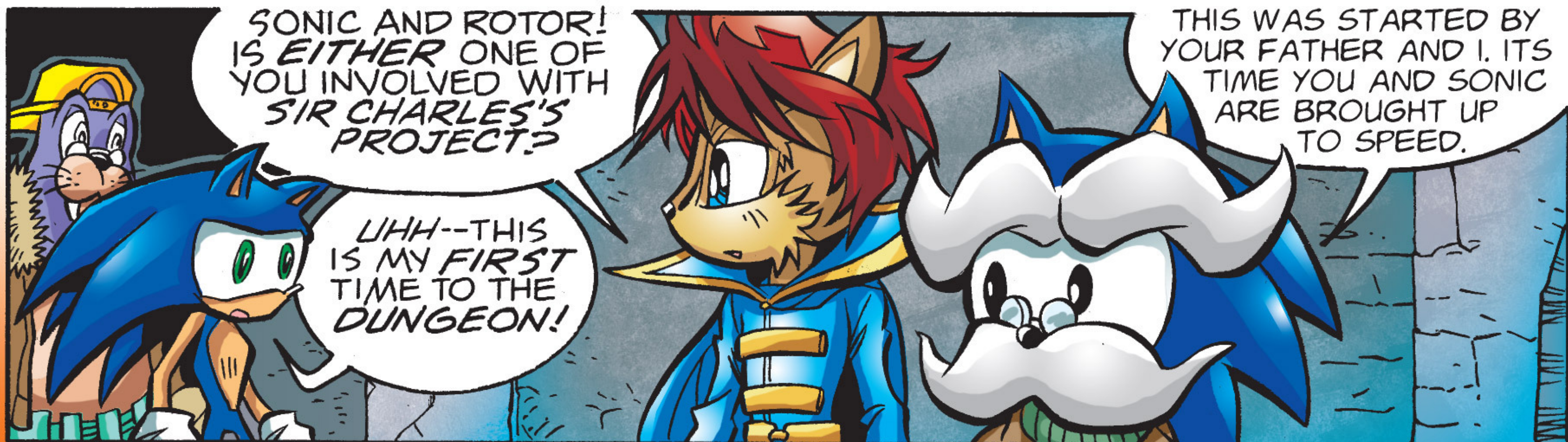
A SPECIAL  
PROJECT CONCEIVED  
BEFORE YOU CAME TO  
POWER APPARENTLY  
HAS BEEN  
ACTIVATED--

--AND MAY  
BE OUT OF  
CONTROL!

AND THE  
NATURE  
OF THIS  
PROJECT--?

I DIDN'T  
EVEN KNOW THIS  
PLACE WAS DOWN  
HERE!





SONIC AND ROTOR!  
IS *EITHER* ONE OF  
YOU INVOLVED WITH  
SIR CHARLES'S  
PROJECT?

THIS WAS STARTED BY  
YOUR FATHER AND I. ITS  
TIME YOU AND SONIC  
ARE BROUGHT UP  
TO SPEED.

UHH--THIS  
IS MY *FIRST*  
TIME TO THE  
DUNGEON!



SONIC AND ROTOR ARE  
HERE BECAUSE I SENT  
FOR THEM, AS THIS CON-  
CERNS *KINGDOM*  
SECURITY!

THE  
KINGDOM...

...STANDS  
THREATENED?  
FROM WHOM?

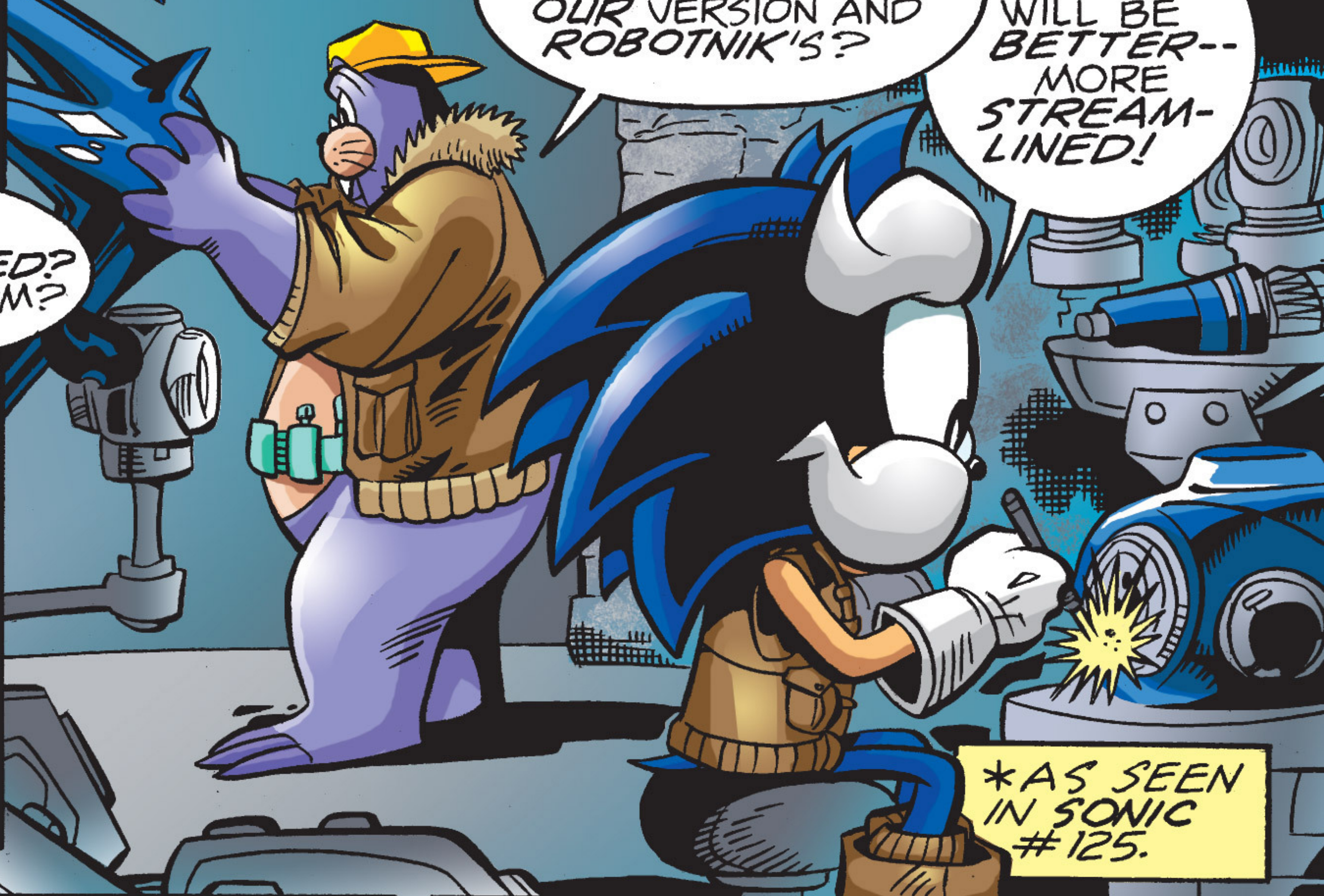


"A BETTER QUESTION WOULD BE FROM  
WHAT? WHEN THE KINGDOM'S  
GREATEST WARRIOR HAD  
VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE,\*  
THE CONSENSUS WAS THAT IT WOULD  
REQUIRED A SPECIAL DEFENSE  
FORCE TO REPLACE HIM--

--AND SO, ONE WAS BUILT,  
FASHIONED IN HIS IMAGE...  
AS AN EXTRA DETERRENT--

WON'T ANYONE BE  
CONFUSED BETWEEN  
OUR VERSION AND  
ROBOTNIK'S?

HARDLY!  
OURS  
WILL BE  
BETTER--  
MORE  
STREAM-  
LINED!



\*AS SEEN  
IN SONIC  
#125.



"--BUT UPON SONIC'S  
RETURN, THE PROJECT  
WAS DEEMED UNNECES-  
SARY AND EVENTUALLY  
ABANDONED."

THIS IS ONE *GENIE*  
I'M GLAD WE DIDN'T  
LET OUT OF THE  
BOTTLE!

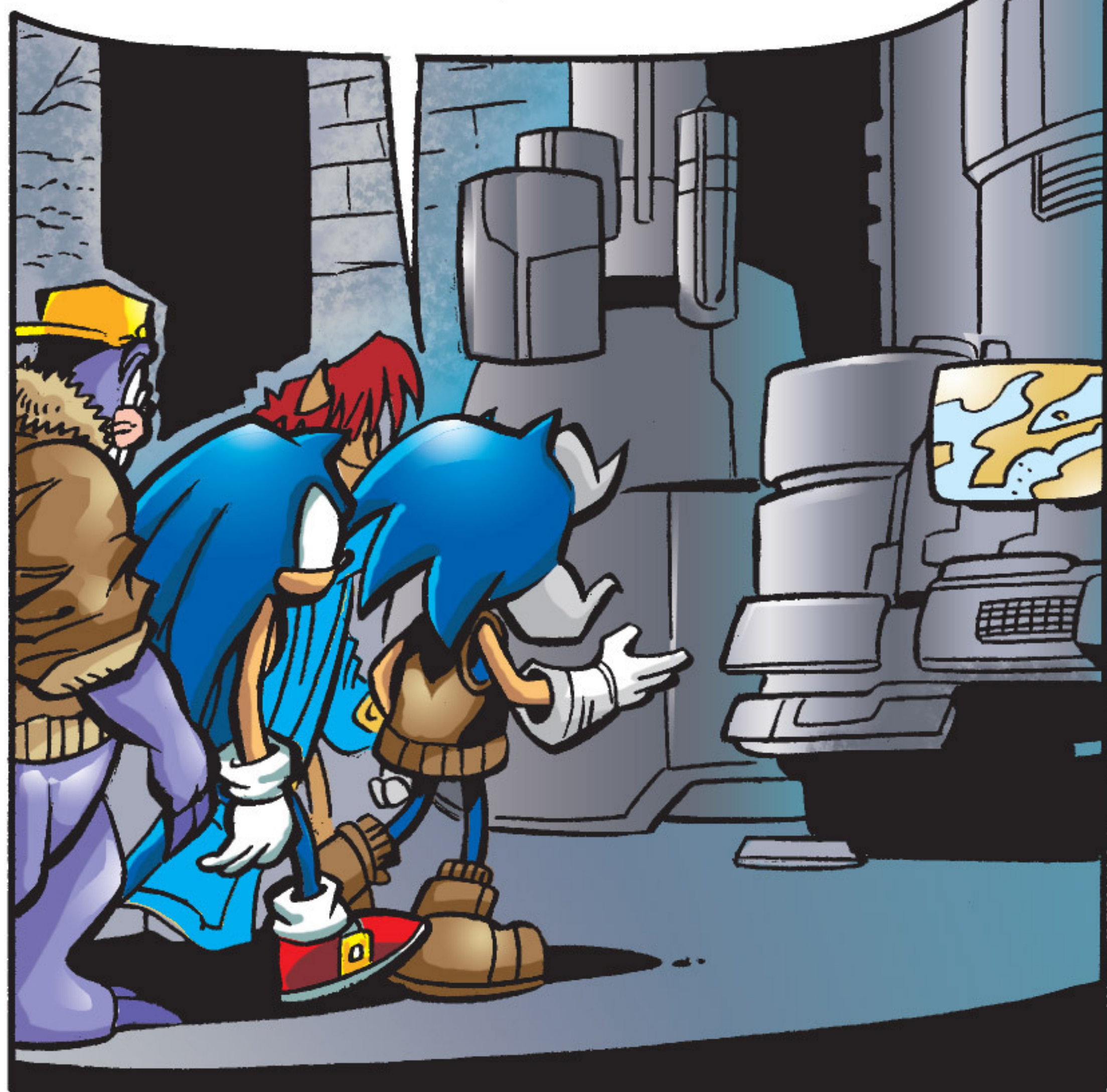


IF YOU *SECURED* THE  
DEFENSE FORCE, THEN  
WHERE IS IT?

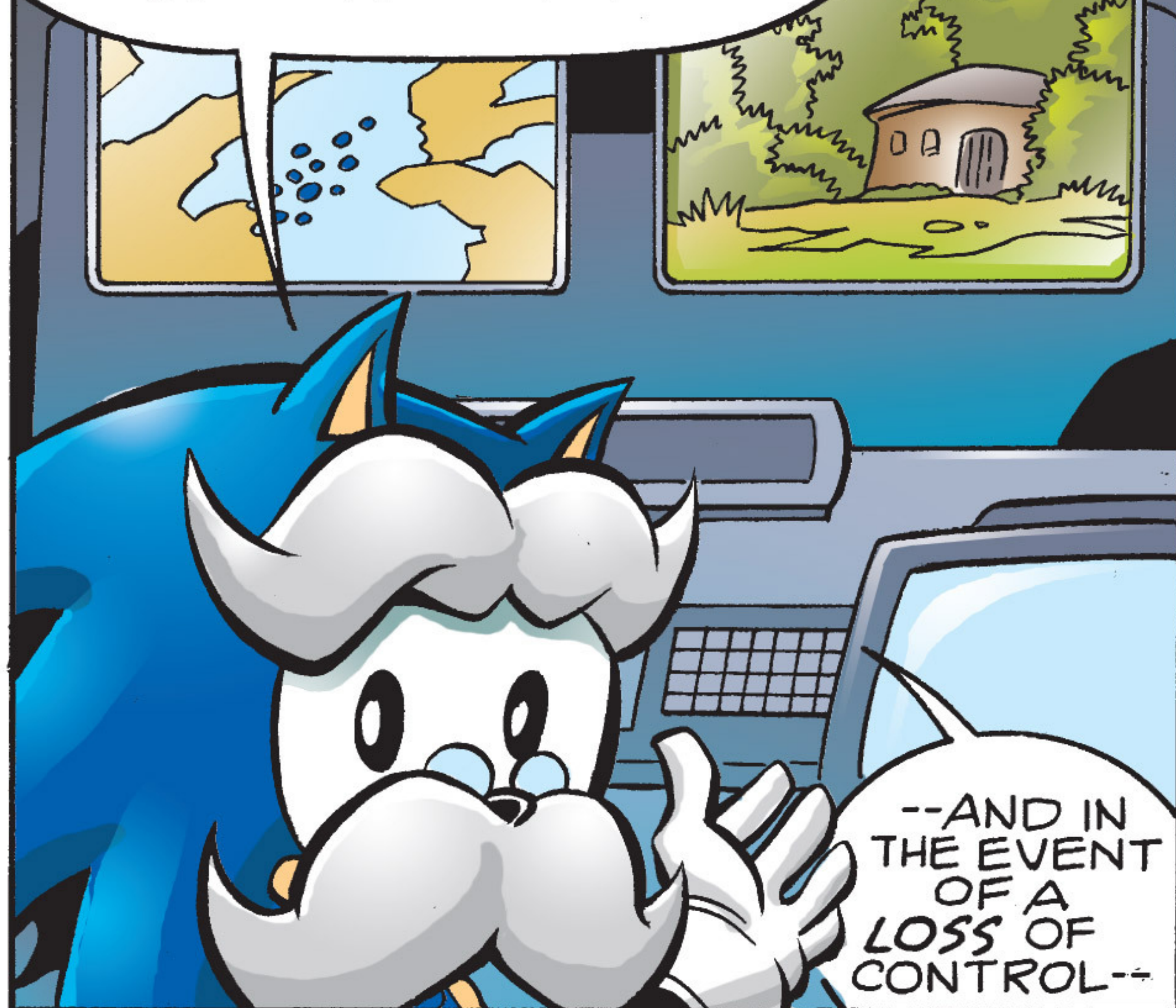
A GOOD  
QUESTION--



ANTICIPATING THE **AWESOME** POWER WE WOULD BE **UNLEASHING**, SEVERAL **FAIL-SAFES** WERE INSTALLED AS A PRECAUTION!



THE LATEST IN **FIBER-OPTIC** TECHNOLOGY WAS UTILIZED TO ALLOW FOR **TRACKING** AND **VISUAL MONITORING**--



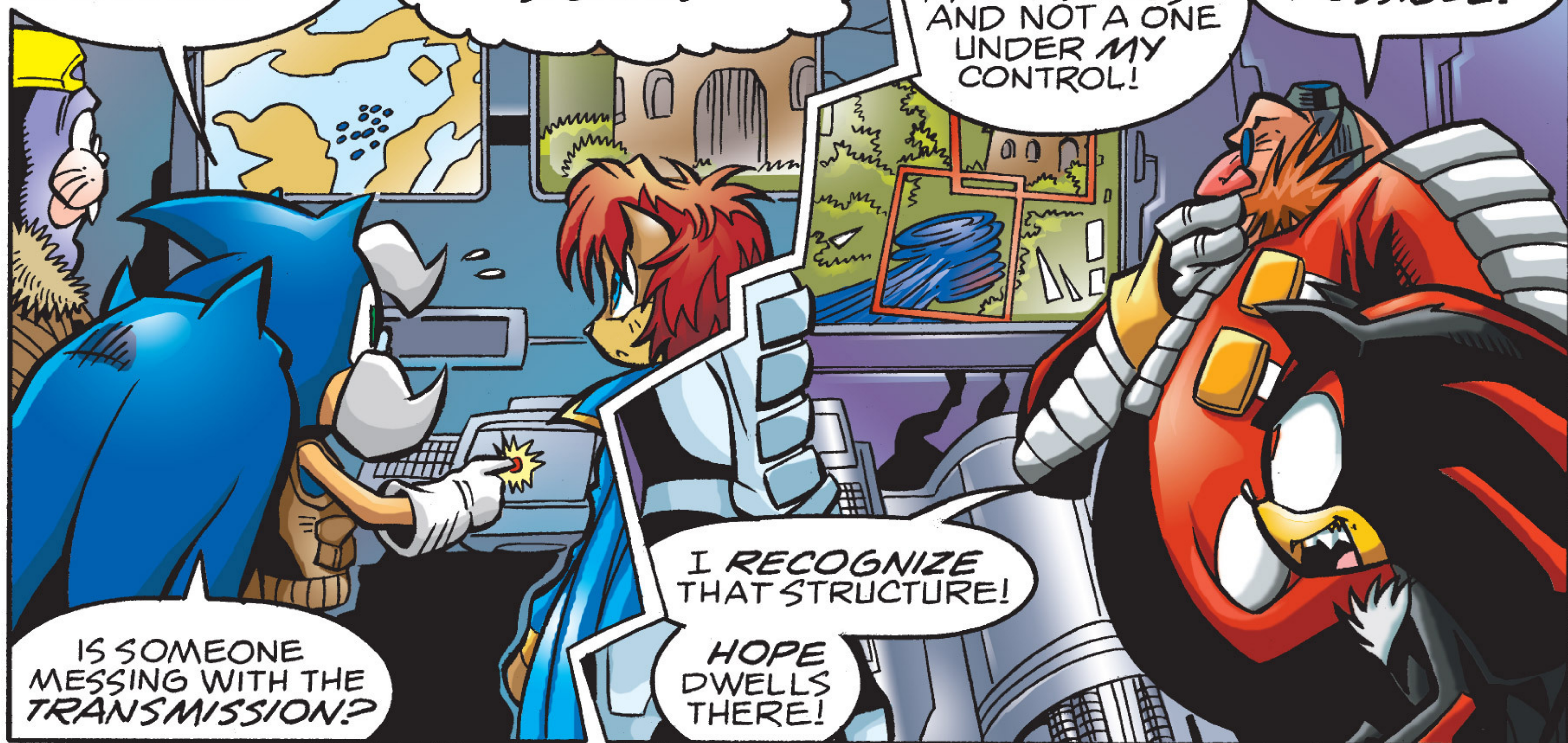
--AND IN THE EVENT OF A **LOSS OF CONTROL**--

--THE **MEANS** TO **ABORT** THEIR OPERATION!

OH, DEAR! THEY'RE NOT RECEIVING THE **SIGNAL**!

A **SWARM** OF METAL SONICS AND NOT A ONE UNDER **MY** CONTROL!

HOW IS THAT **POSSIBLE**?



I **RECOGNIZE** THAT STRUCTURE!

**HOPE** DWELLS THERE!

IS SOMEONE **MESSING** WITH THE **TRANSMISSION**?

NOT FOR **MUCH** LONGER!

IN FACT, I RATE ANYONE'S CHANCES OF EVEN **SURVIVING** THAT ONSLAUGHT AS--

--**SLIM** TO **NONE**!



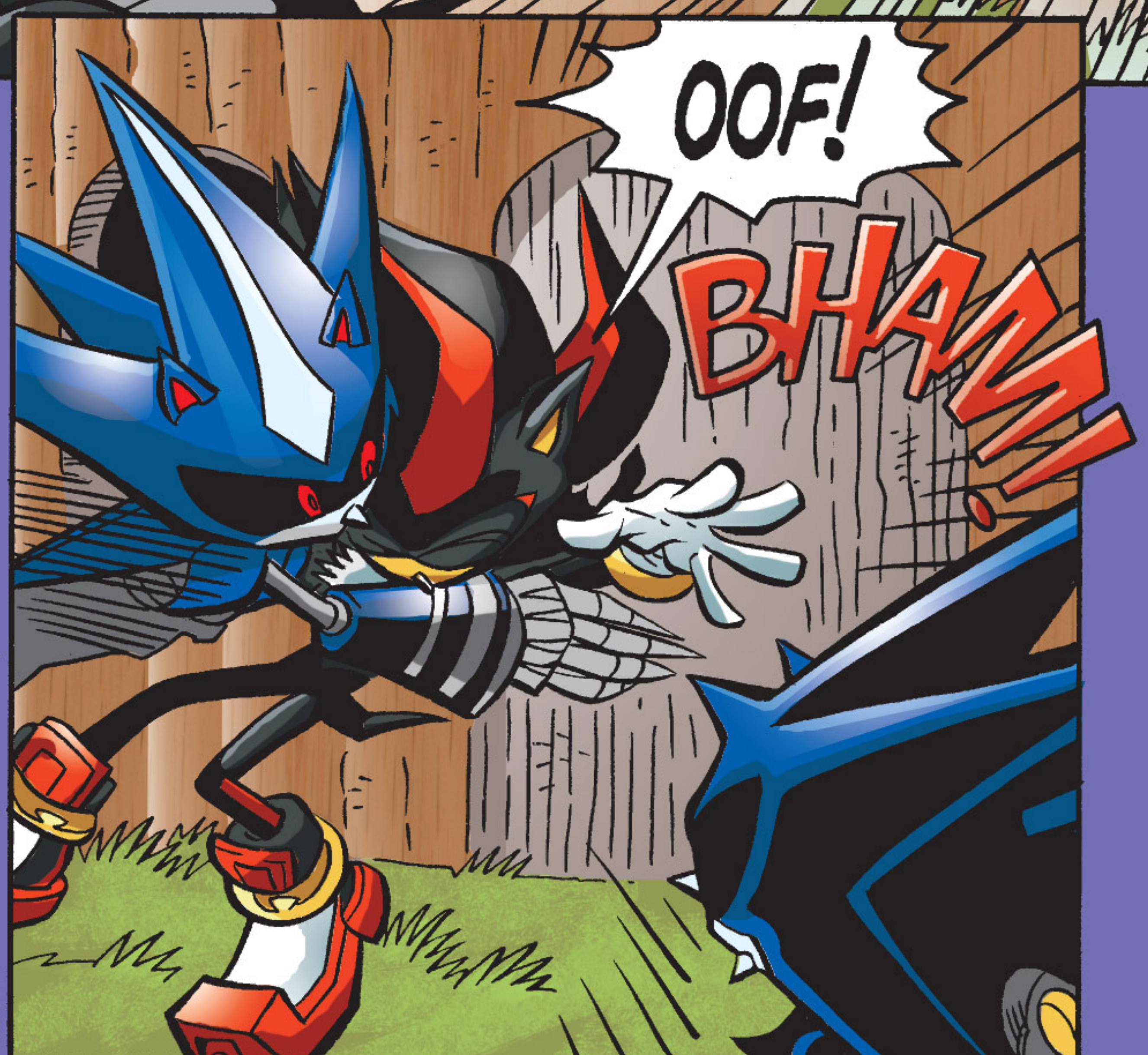
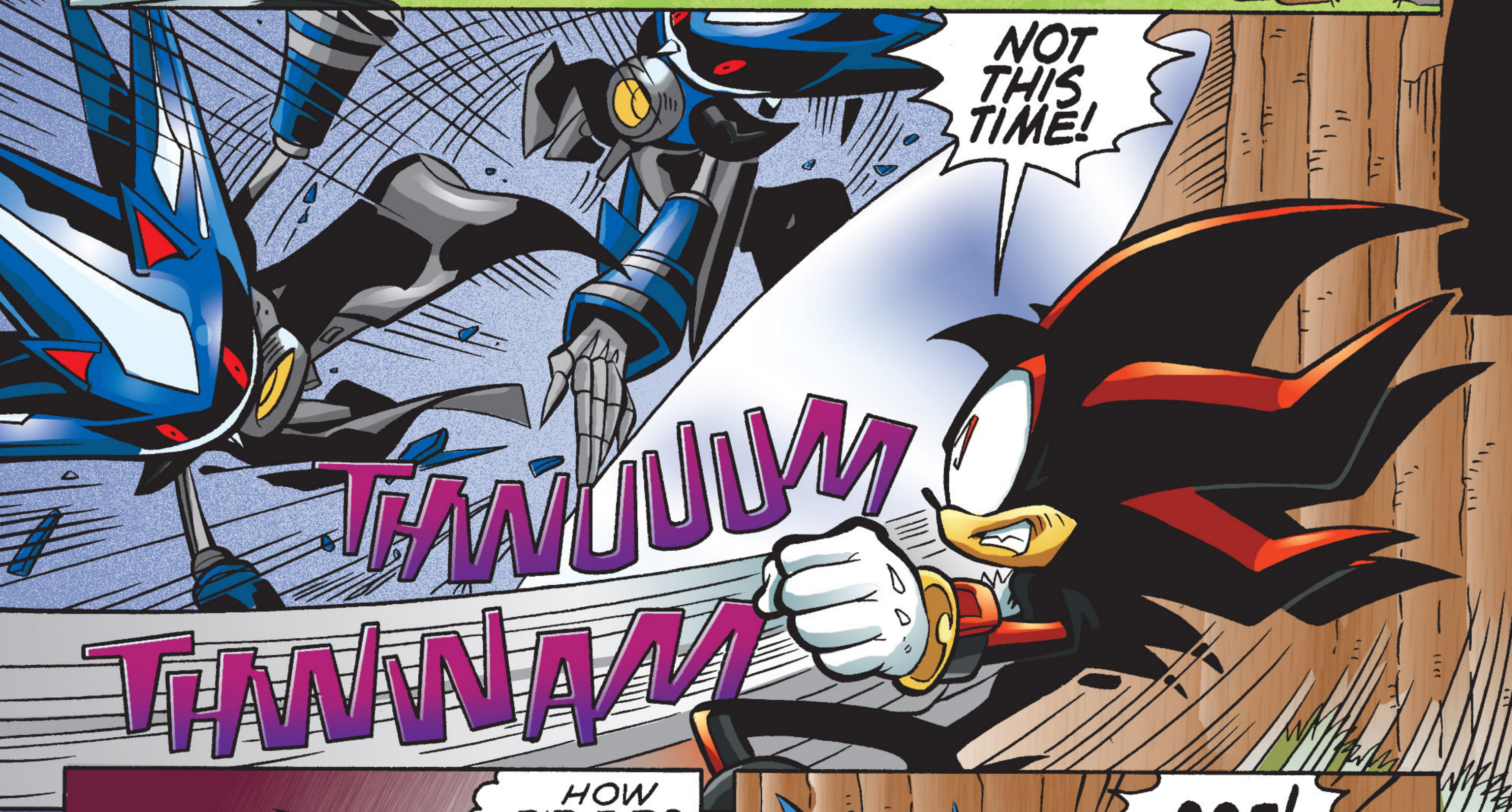
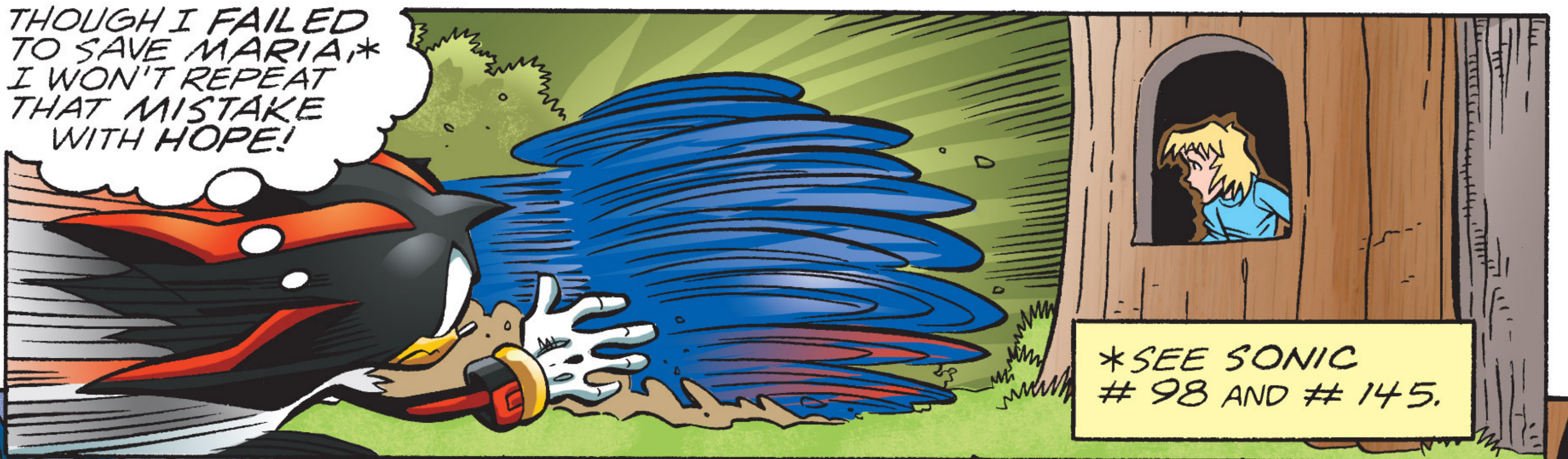
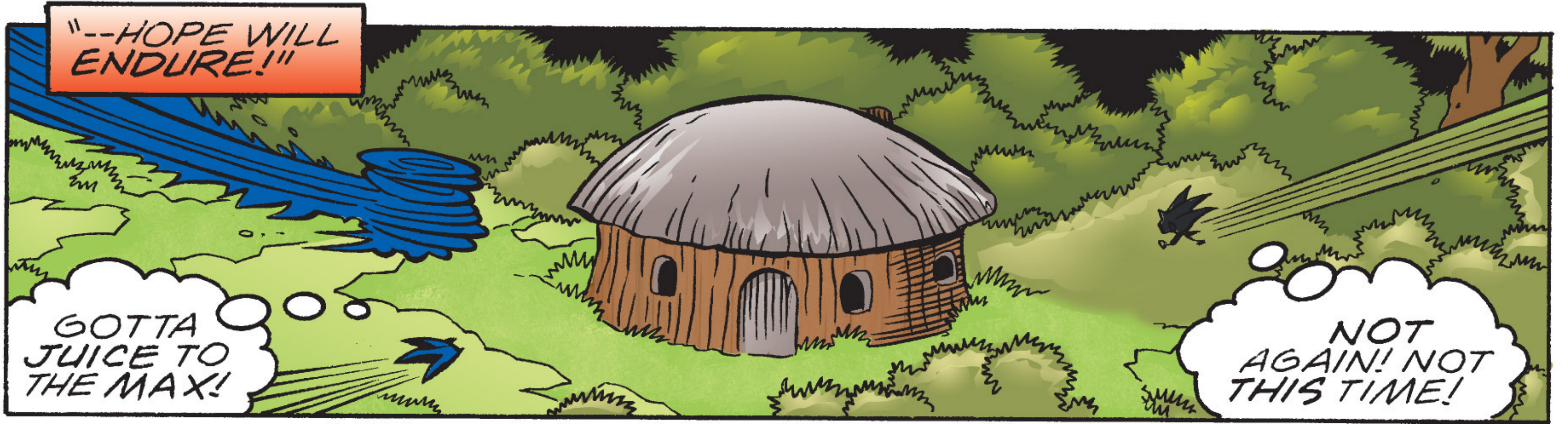
YOU MAY BE **UNABLE** TO **ACT**--

--BUT I CAN!

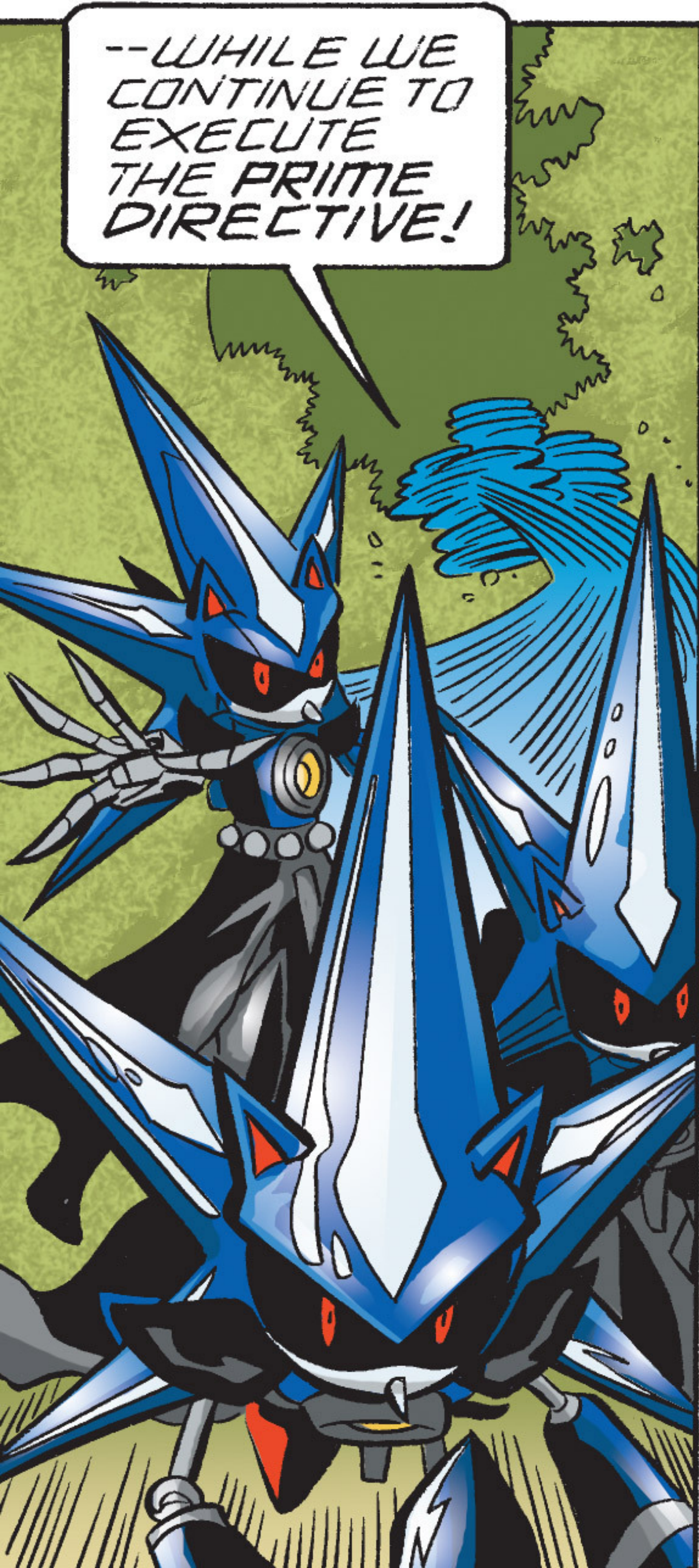
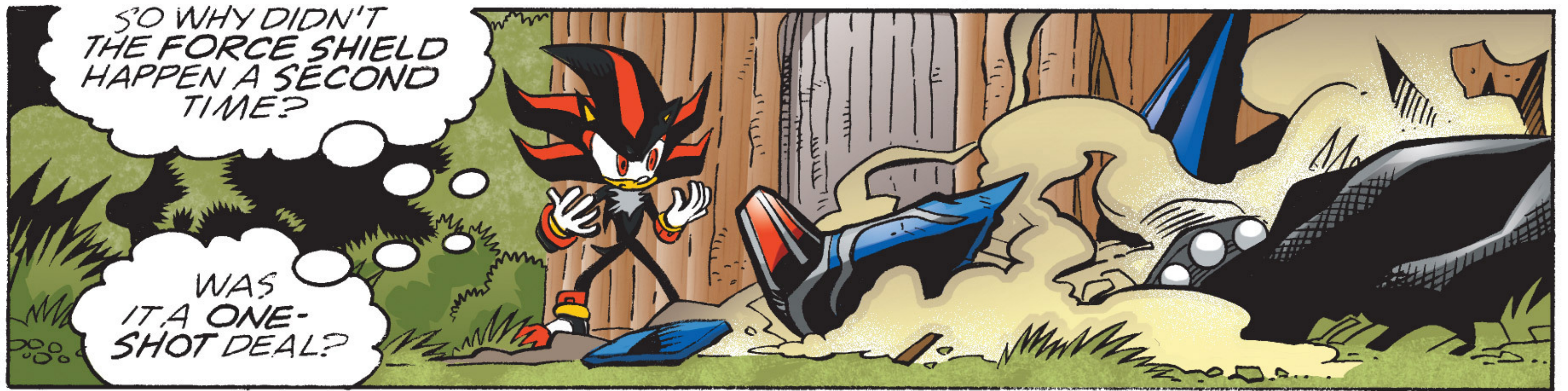
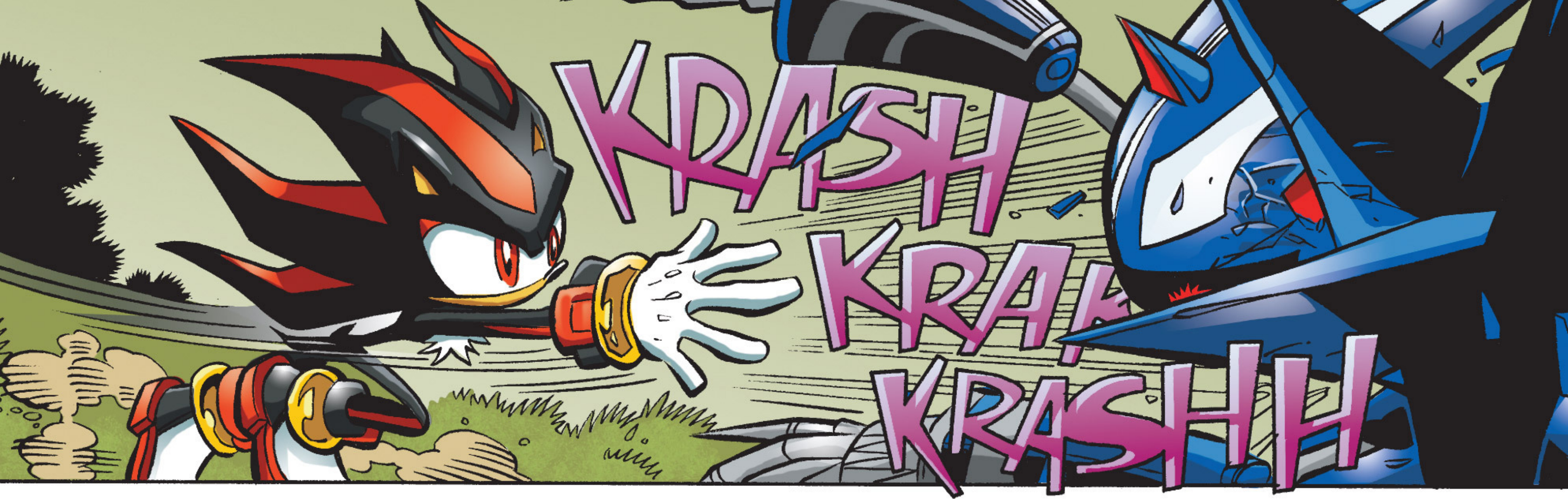
AS LONG AS **HOPE** LIVES--









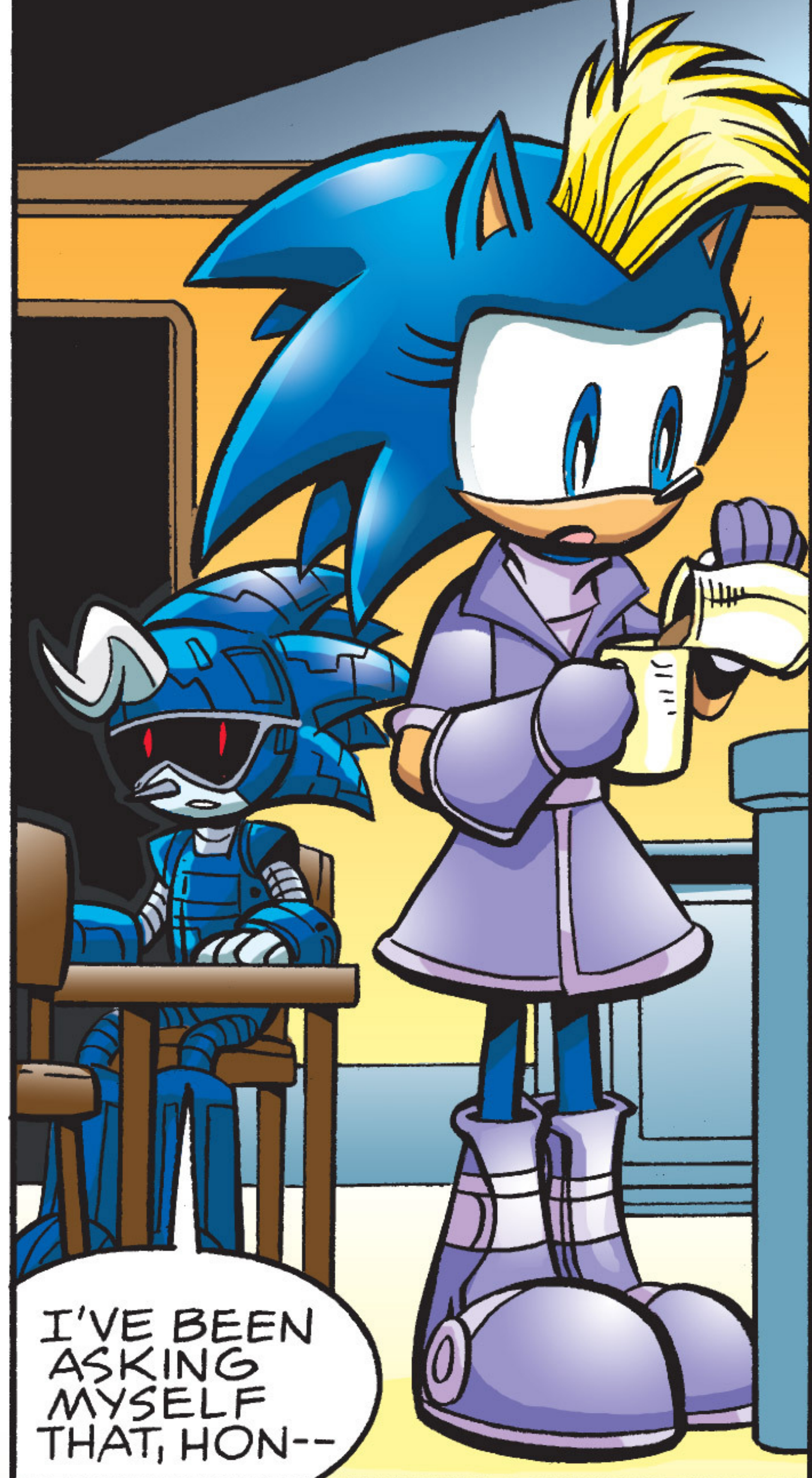




"I'VE GOTTA FIND MY UNC  
A HOBBY TO KEEP HIM  
OUTSIDE HIS LAB."

WHAT KIND OF  
PARENTS ARE  
WE, JULES--

--LETTING  
OUR SON GO  
OFF WITH  
THAT  
HORRIBLE  
MAN?!



I'VE BEEN  
ASKING  
MYSELF  
THAT, HON--

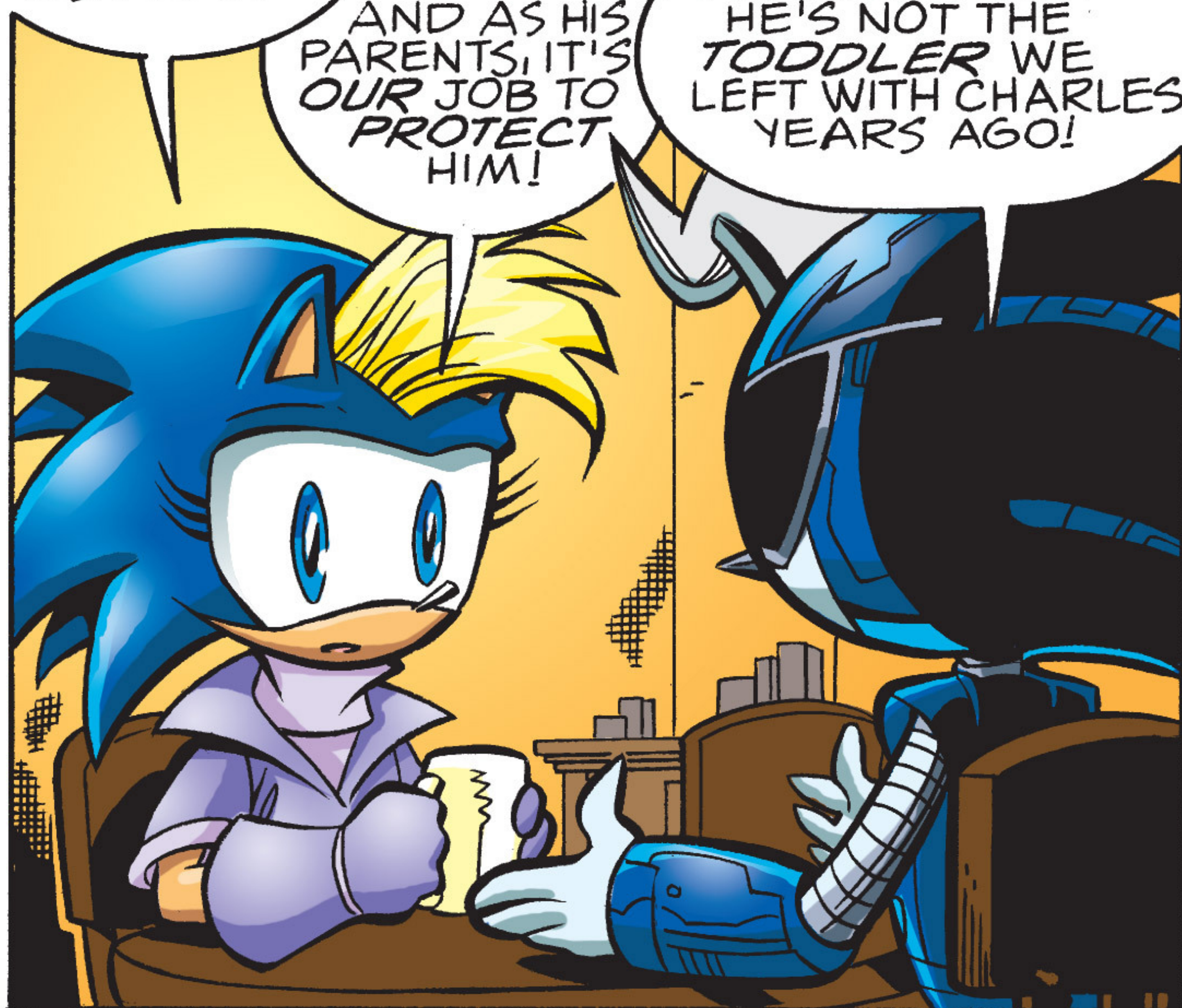
--BUT THE REALITY  
IS... OUR SON HAS HAD  
MORE EXPERIENCE  
IN DEALING WITH  
ROBOTNIK THAN  
WE HAVE!

SONIC HAS PLAYED  
AN IMPORTANT PART  
IN SAVING US FROM  
THAT TYRANT!

IT'S  
DIFFERENT  
NOW! HE HAS  
US AGAIN!

AND AS HIS  
PARENTS, IT'S  
OUR JOB TO  
PROTECT  
HIM!

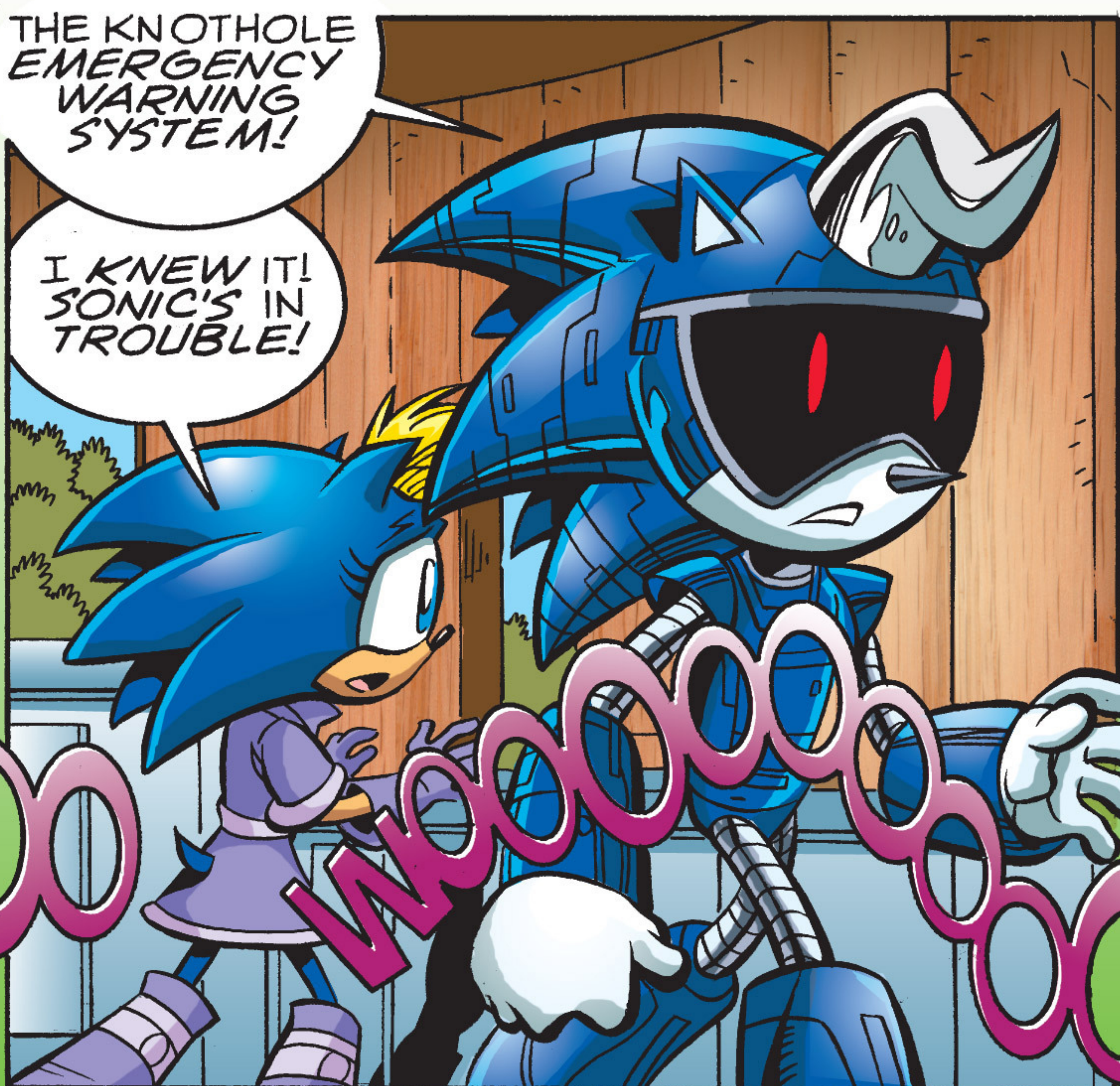
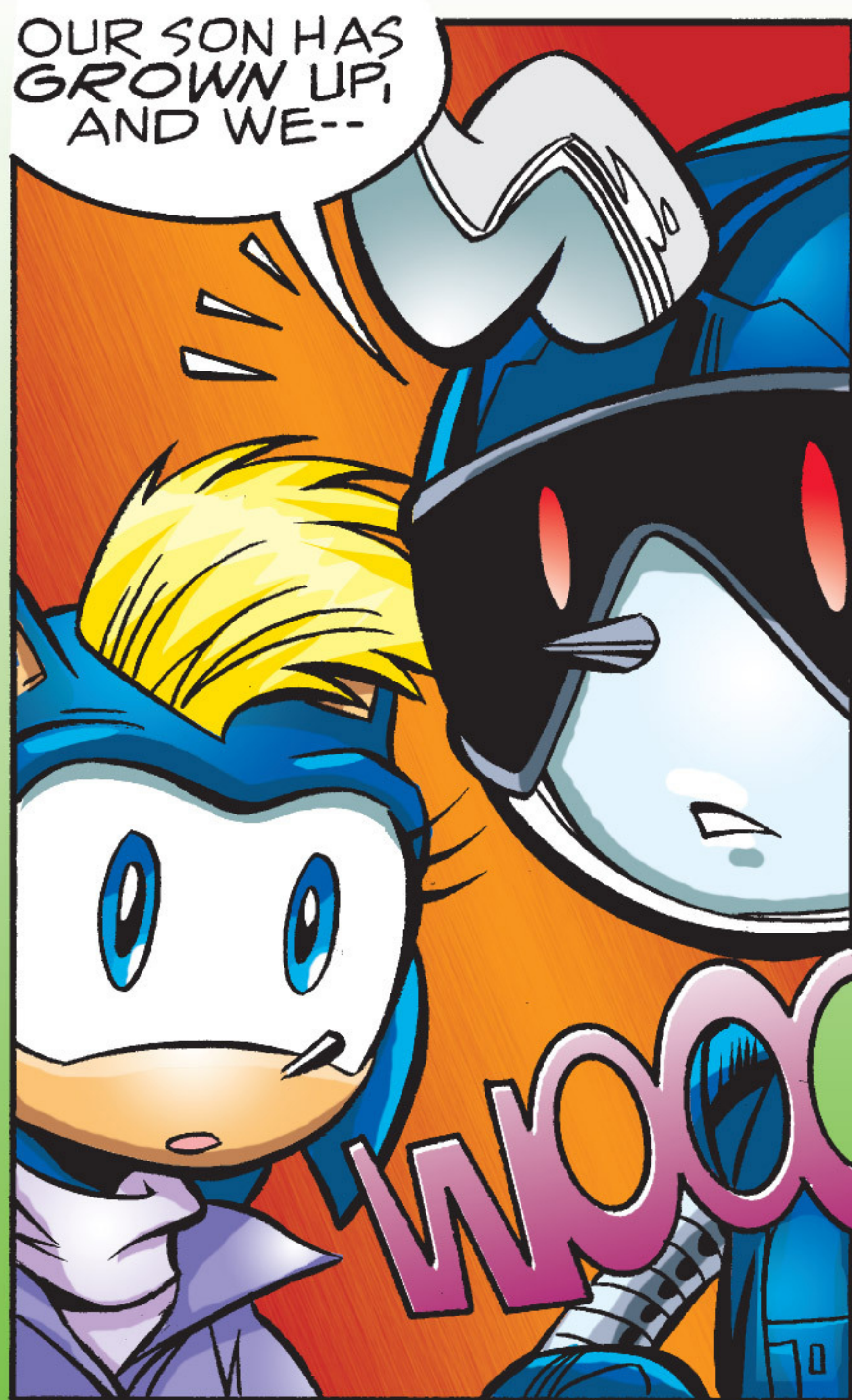
AGREED! BUT--  
HE'S NOT THE  
TODDLER WE  
LEFT WITH CHARLES  
YEARS AGO!



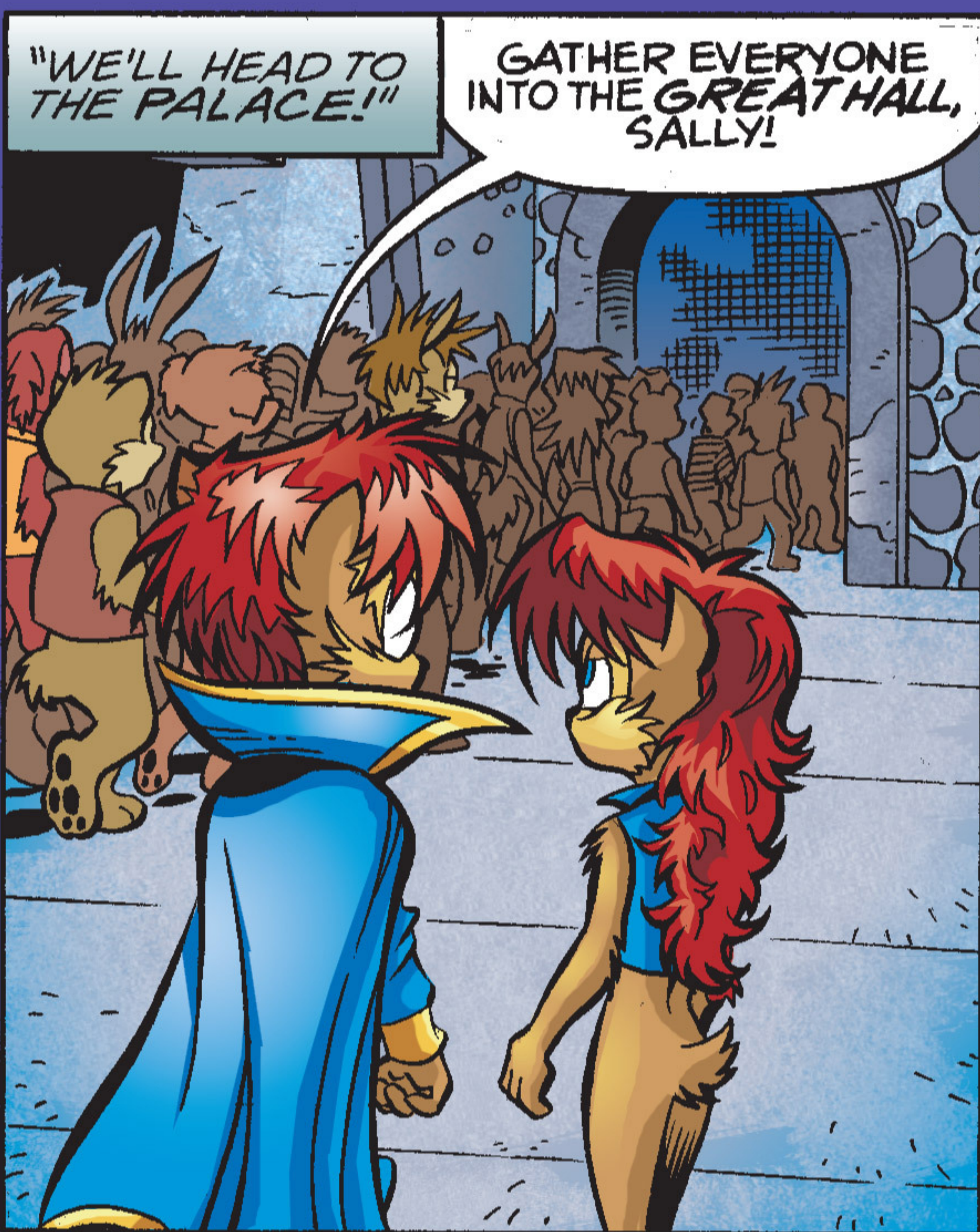
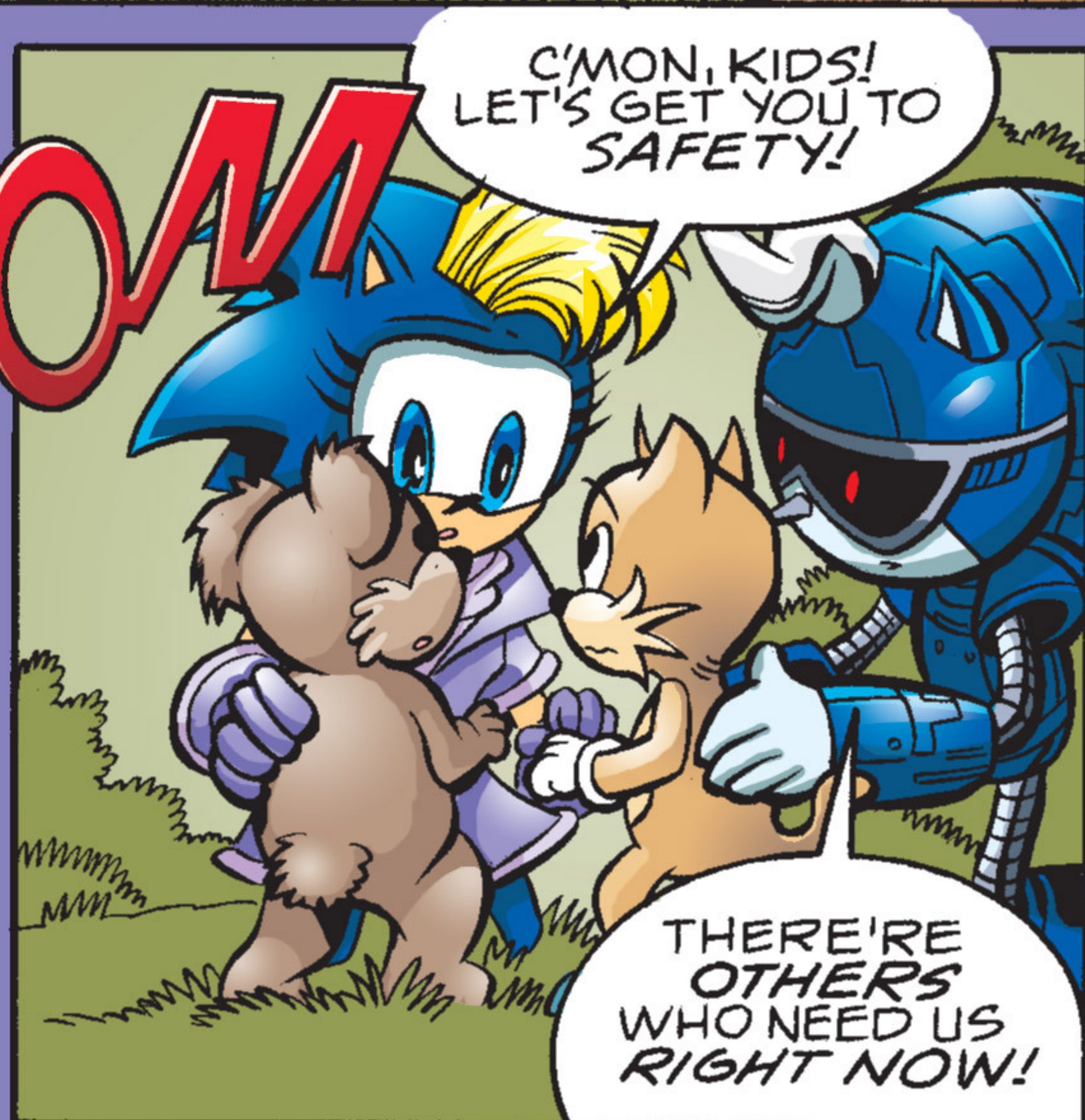
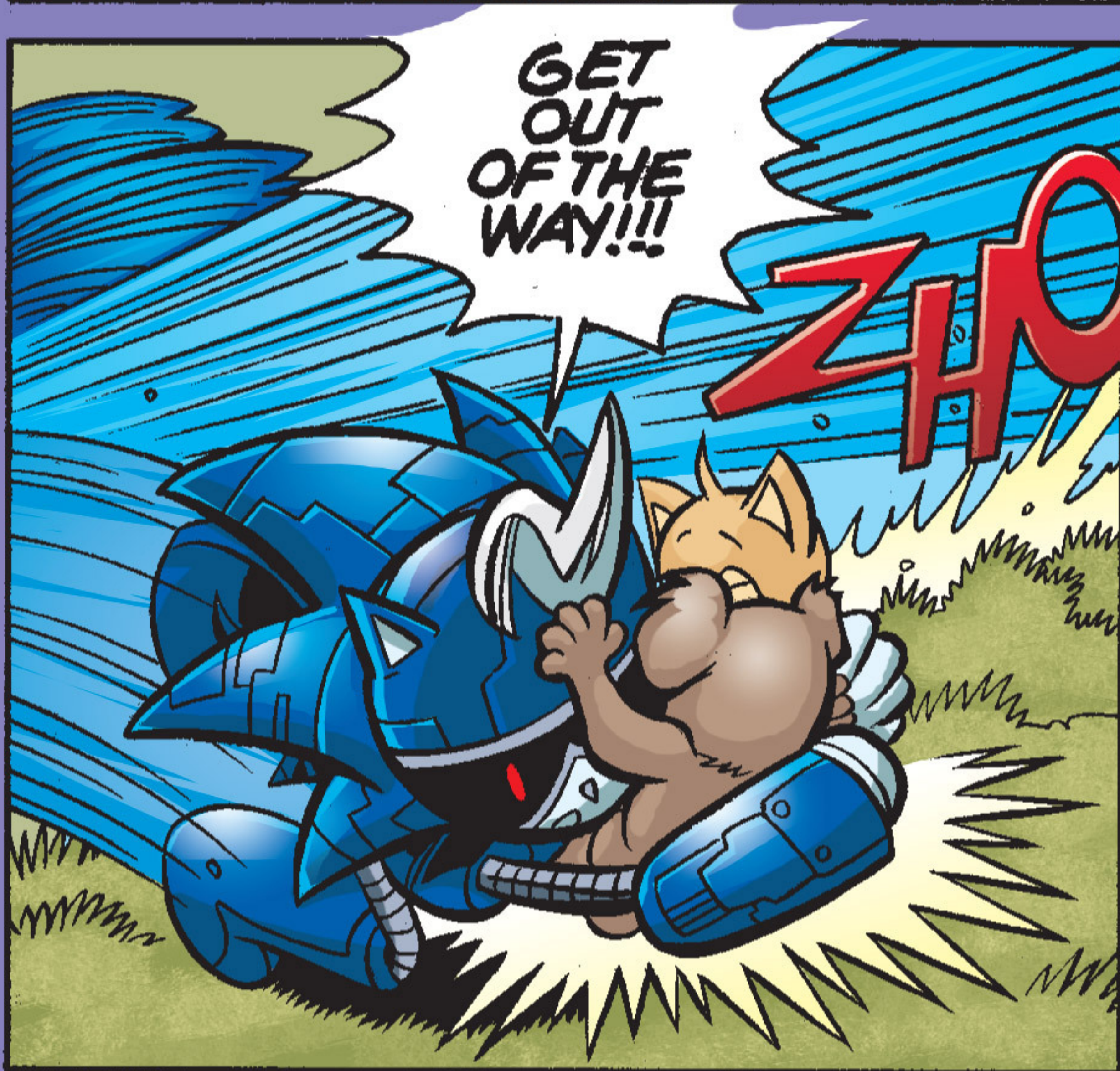
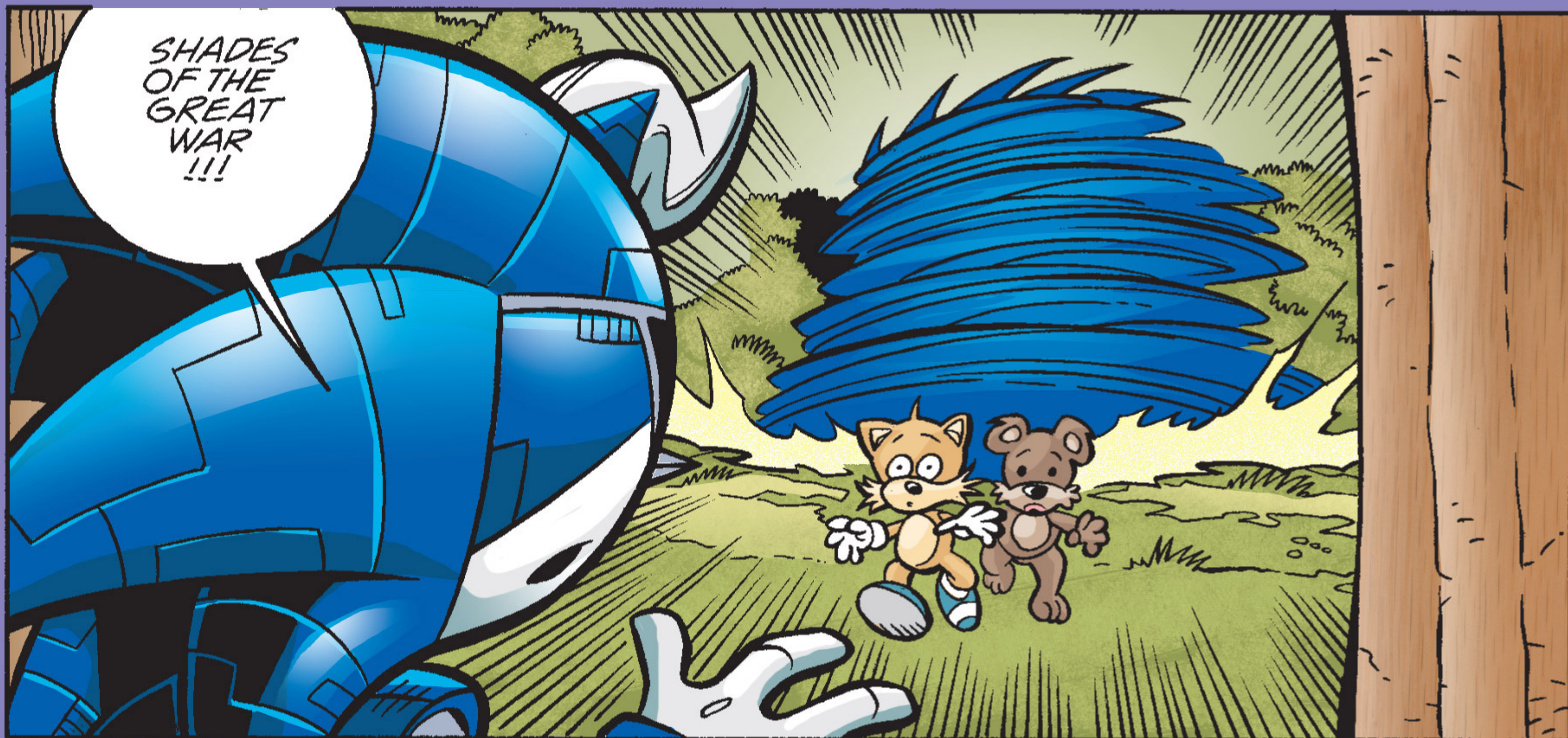
OUR SON HAS  
GROWN UP,  
AND WE--

THE KNOTHOLE  
EMERGENCY  
WARNING  
SYSTEM!

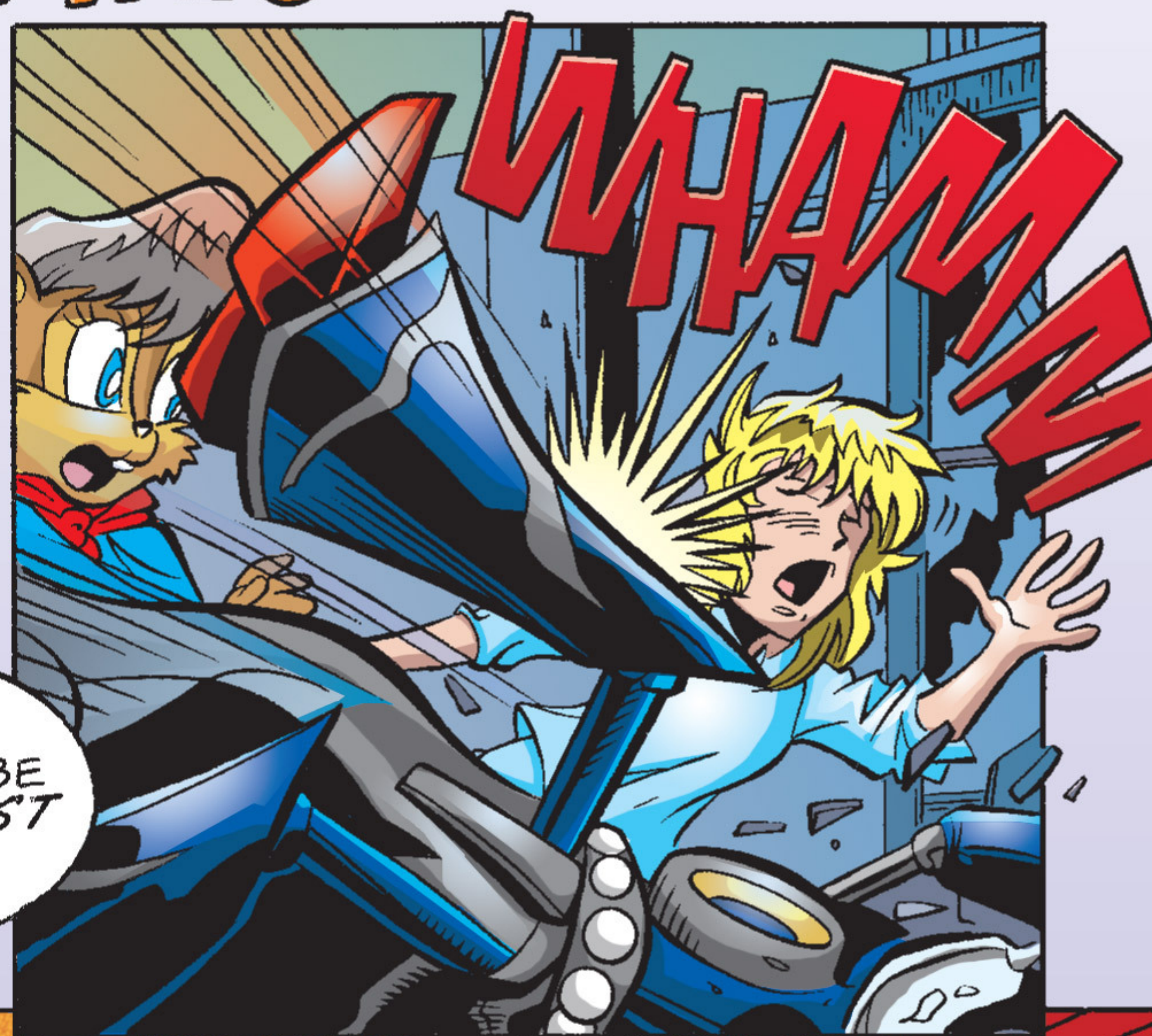
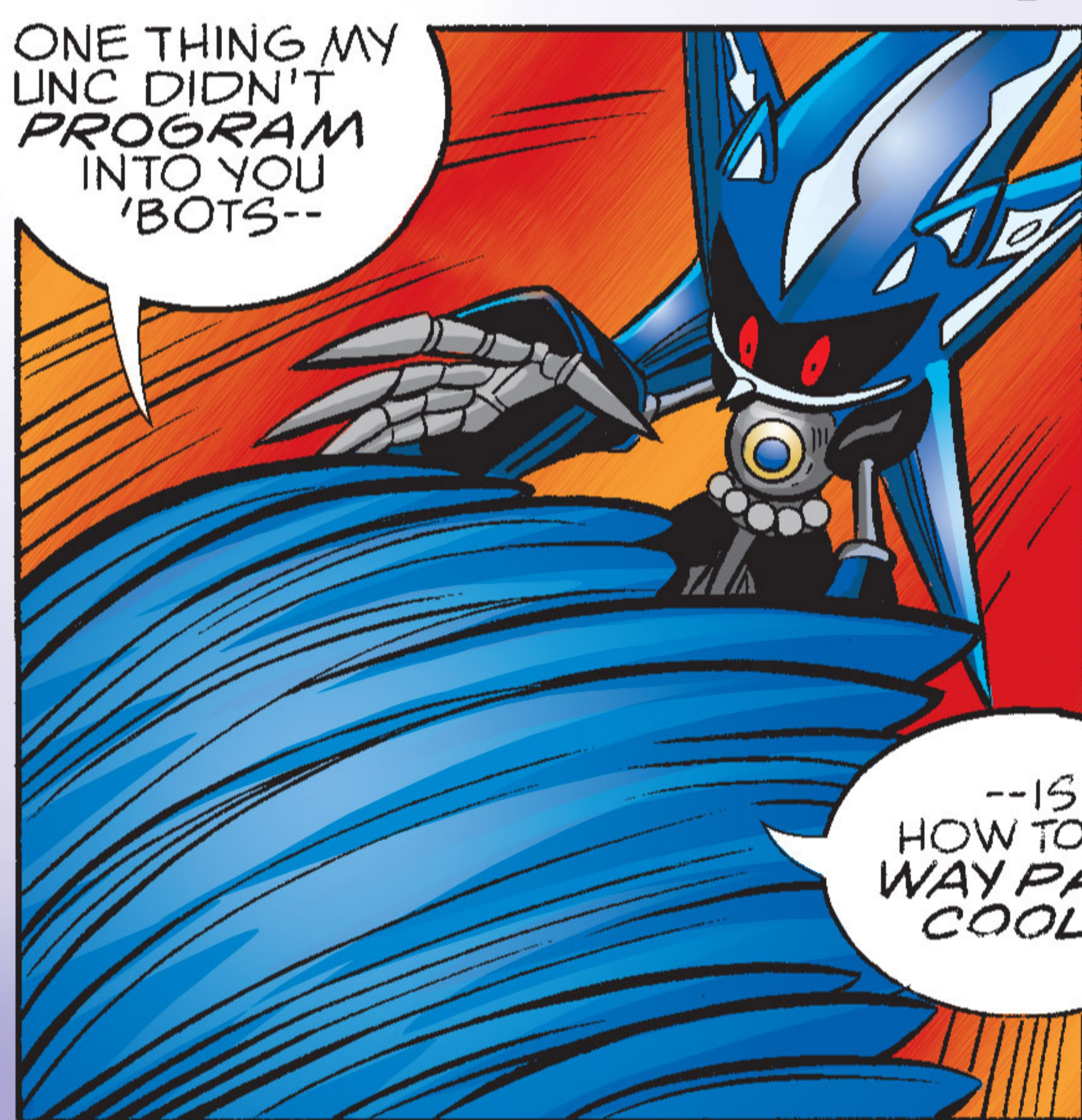
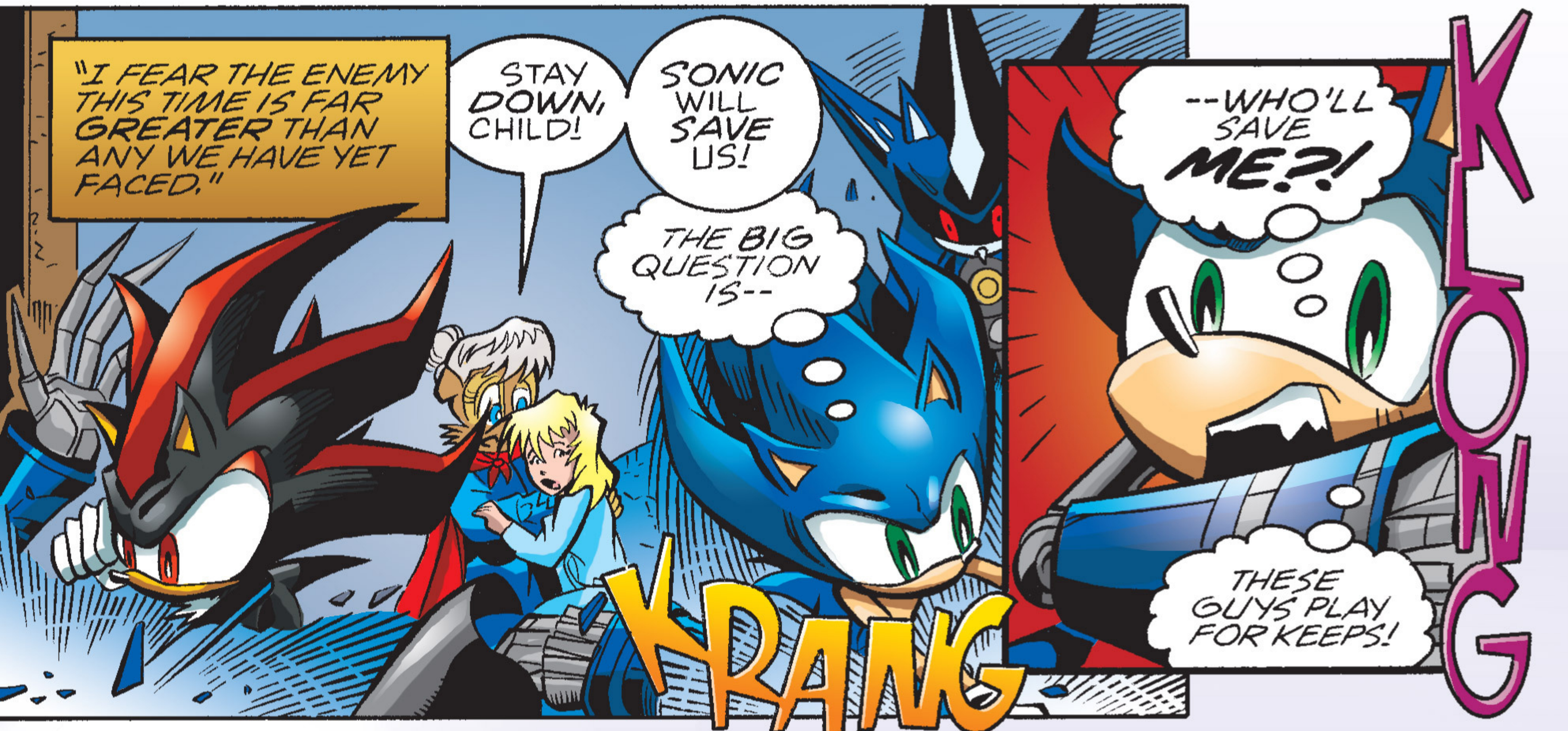
I KNEW IT!  
SONIC'S IN  
TROUBLE!



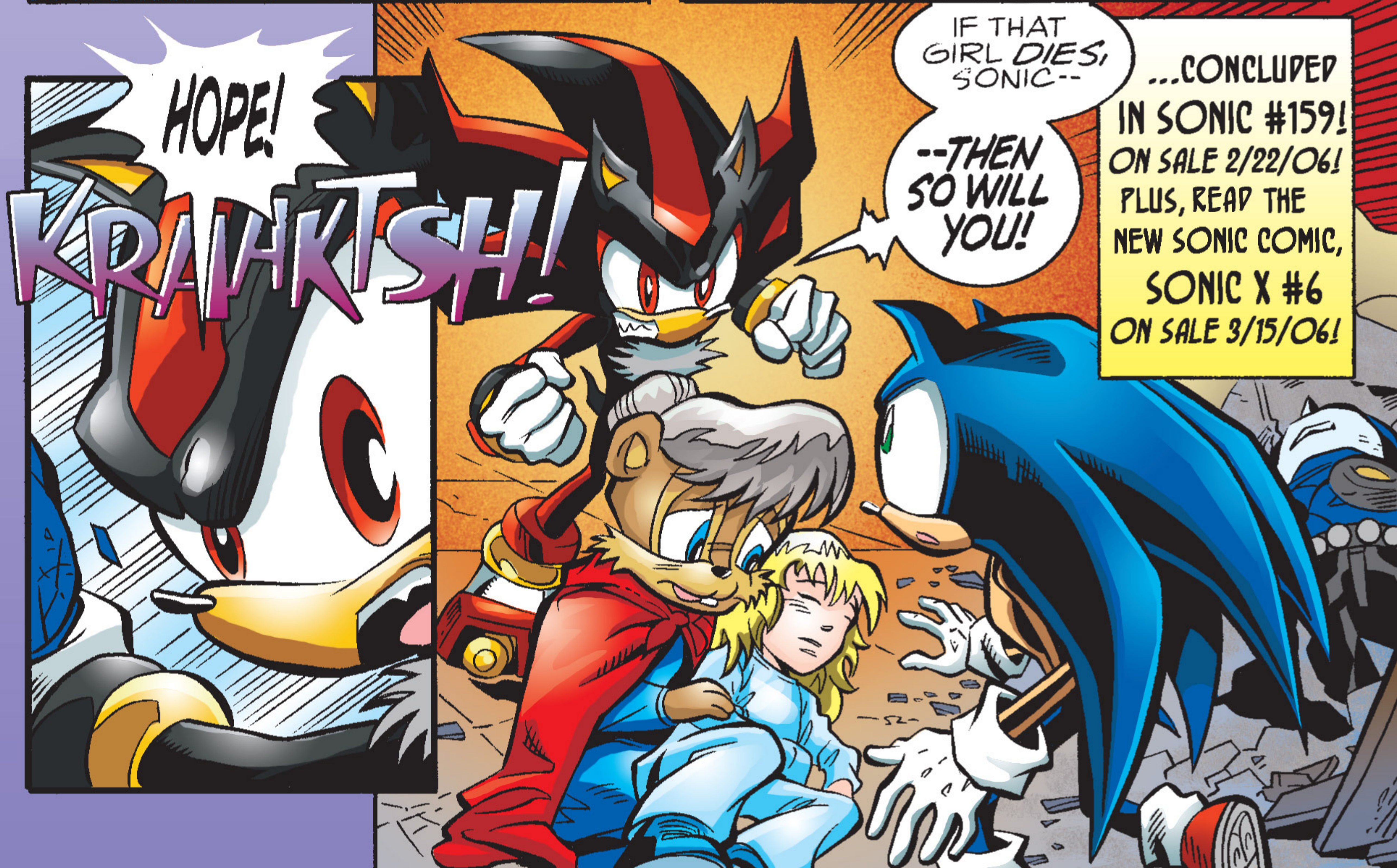








--IS HOW TO BE WAY PAST COOL!





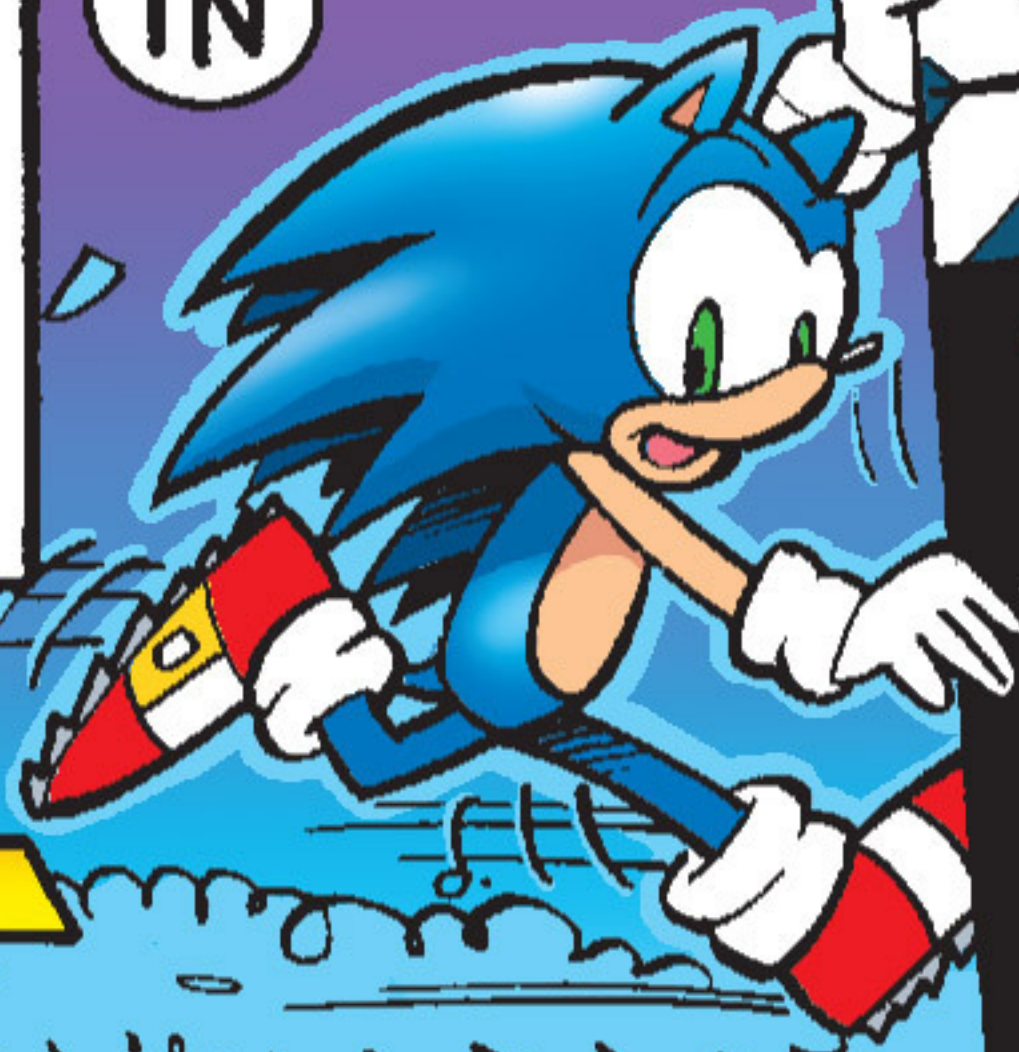
BECAUSE HUGH DEMANDED IT!!!\*

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THE HEDGEHOG

## OFF-PANEL

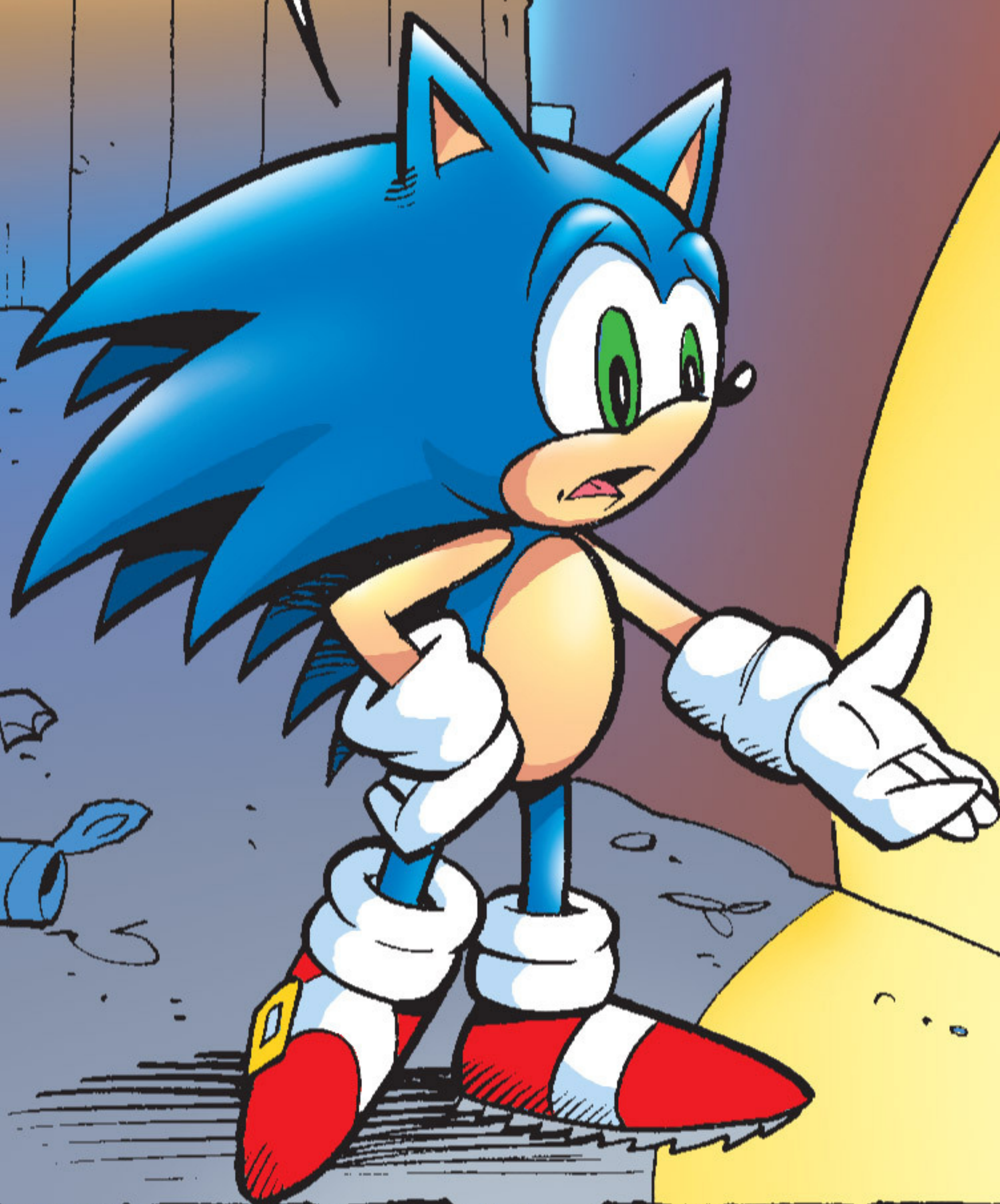
IN



INSIDER TREADING

MICHAEL GALLAGHER: SCREENWRITER  
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JOHN WORKMAN: TITLES and SOUND  
JASON JENSEN: SPECIAL EFFECTS  
MIKE PELLERITO: PRODUCER

YO, MP! WHAT'S UP WITH THE CLOAK AND DAGGER SCENARIO? WHY'D YOU HAVE ME MEET YOU IN THIS REMOTE, DARK ALLEY?



BECAUSE I--  
AHEM! YOU HEARD HIM... THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A DARK ALLEY!



\*HUGH IS THE GUY WHO REPAIRS OUR COPY MACHINE... BUT WE THOUGHT YOU'D ALSO LIKE TO SEE ANOTHER OFF-PANEL STORY!--MP

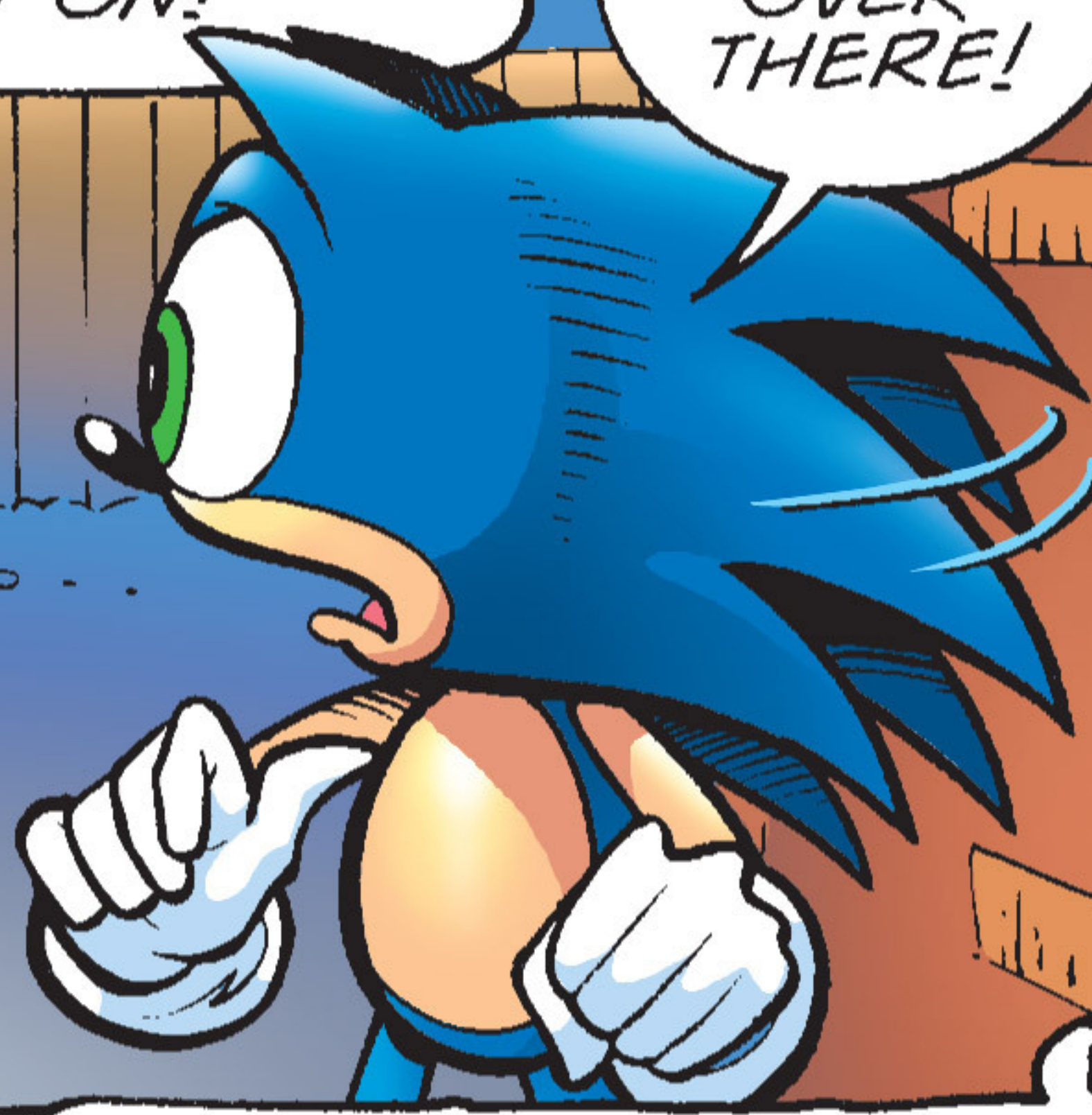
C'MON, ALREADY! CAN I GET A LITTLE CO-OPERATION FROM THE LIGHTING BOOTH?  
HELLO UP THERE!

Snap-Snap-Snap!



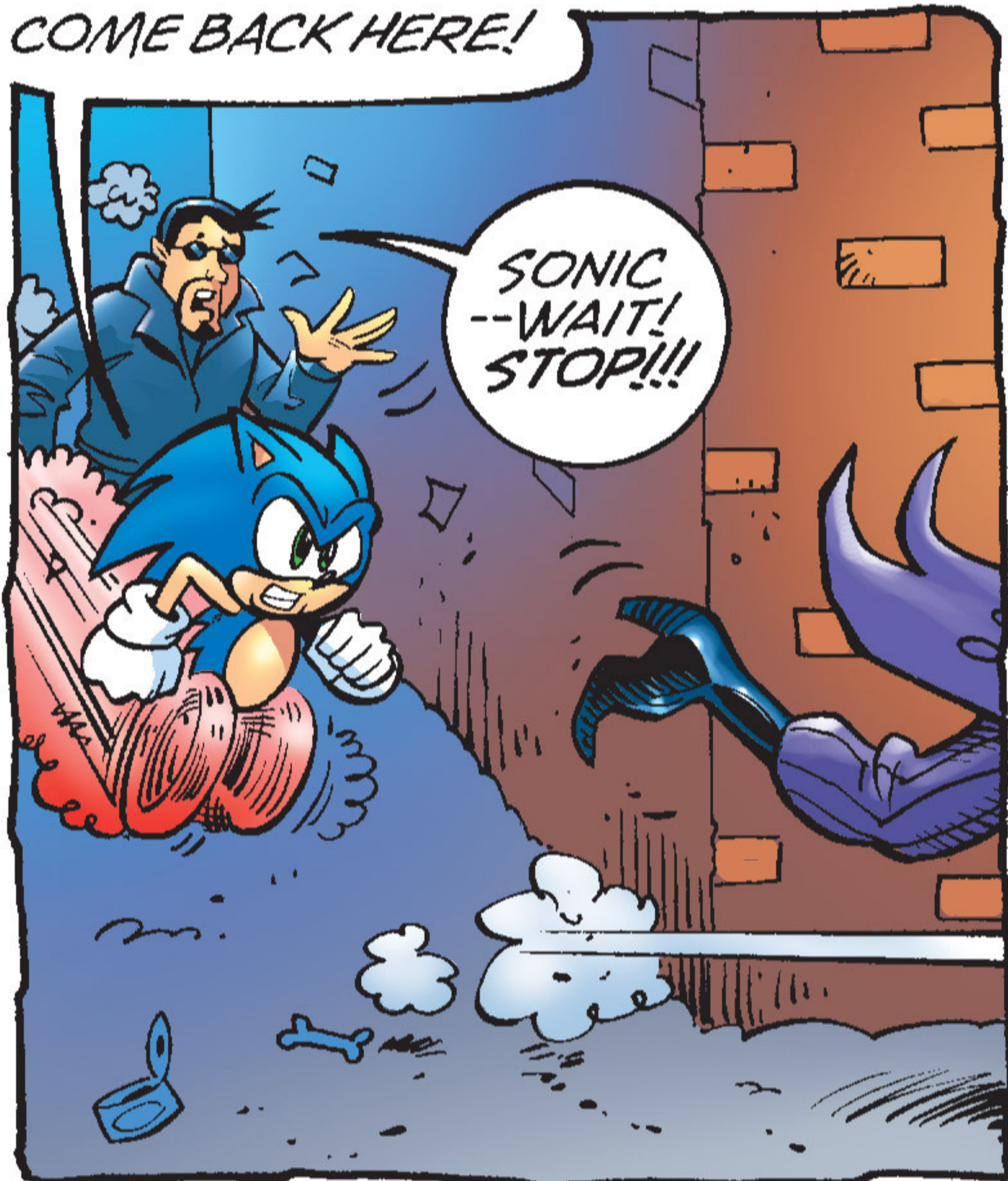
-CHORTLE- THAT'S JUST THE FIRST OF YOUR DIRTY LITTLE SECRETS I PLAN TO SHINE A LIGHT ON!

HUH?... WHO?... OVER THERE!

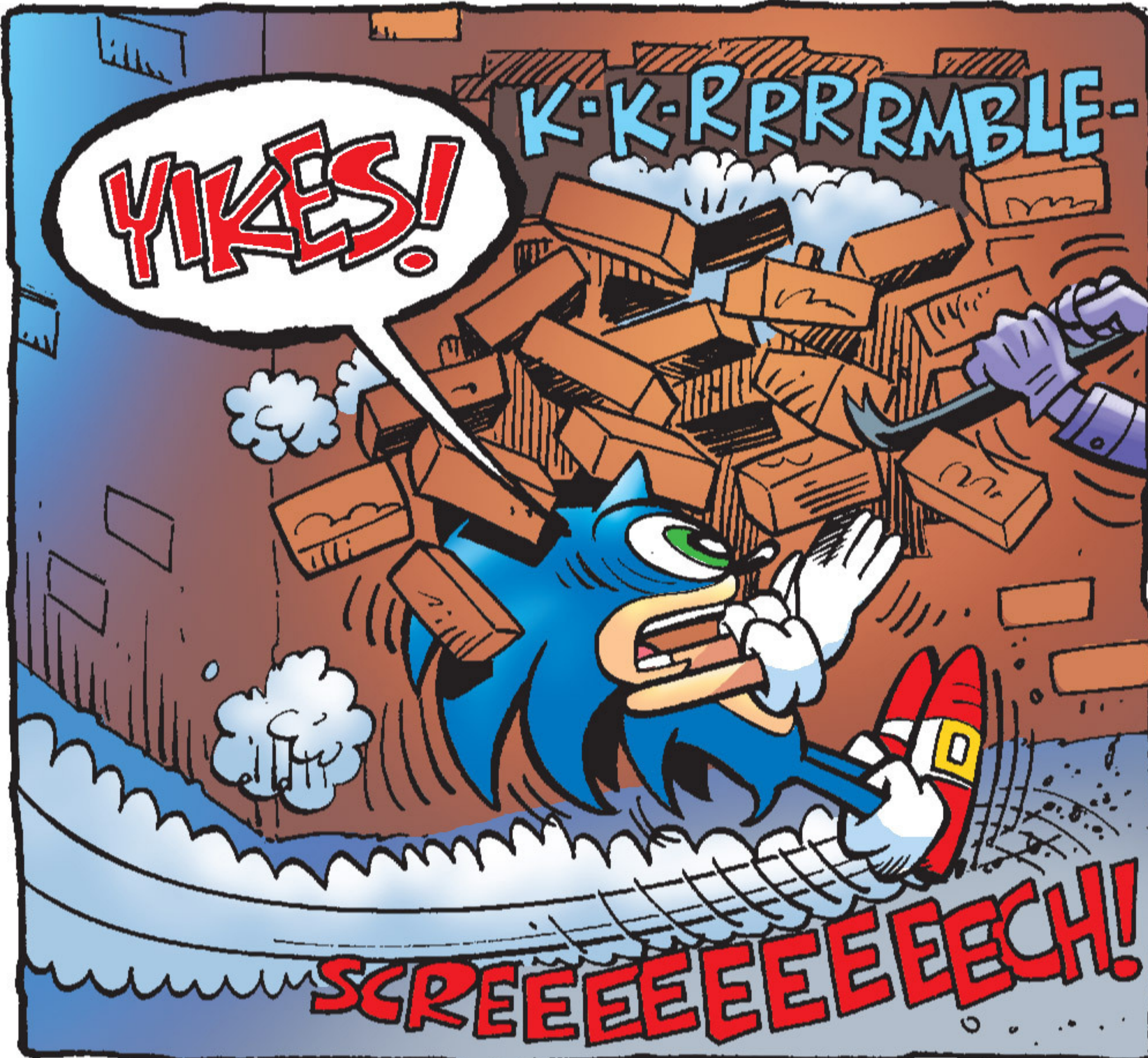




COME BACK HERE!



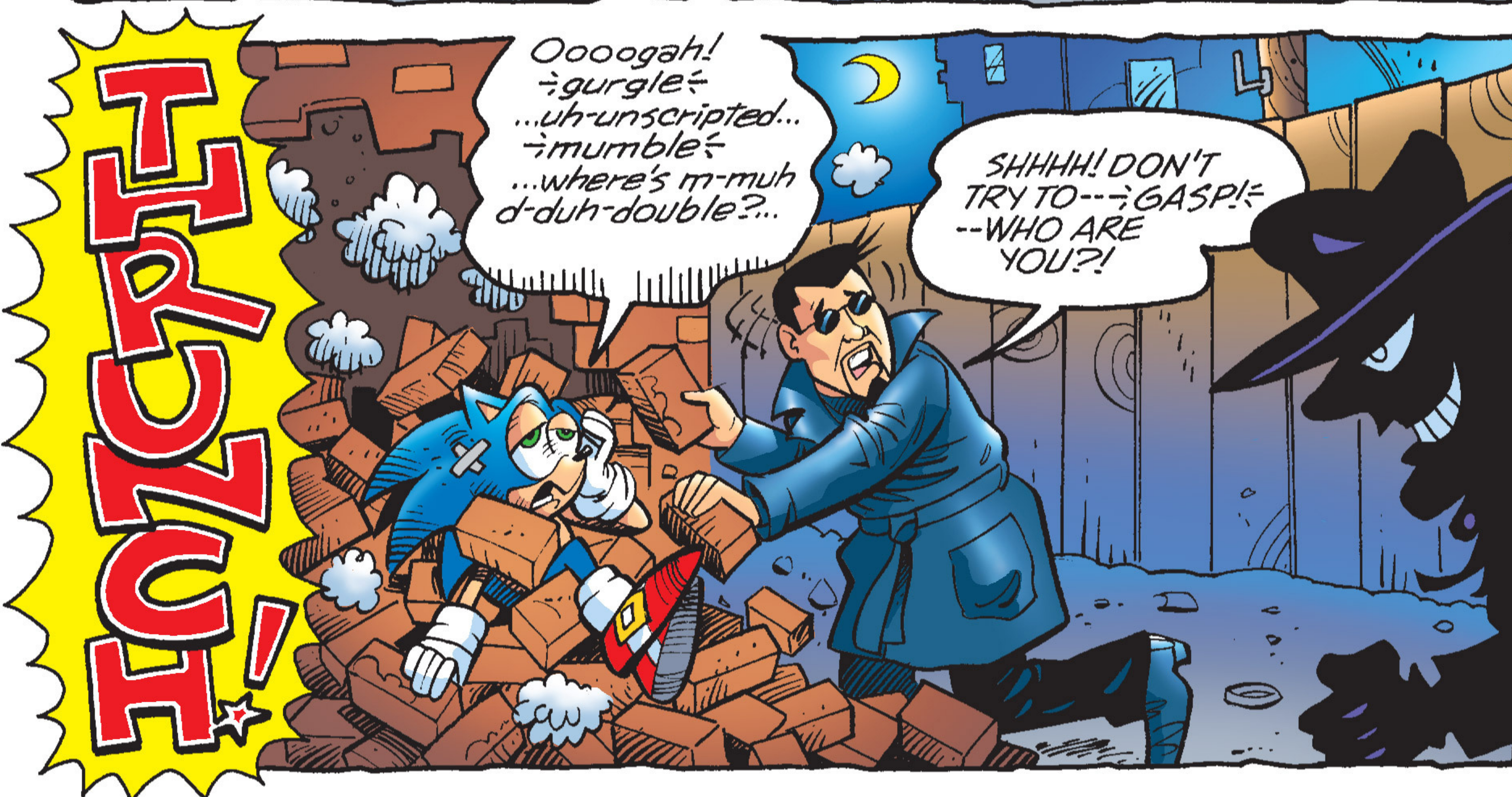
SONIC  
--WAIT!  
STOP!!!



YIKES!

K-K-RRRRMBLE-

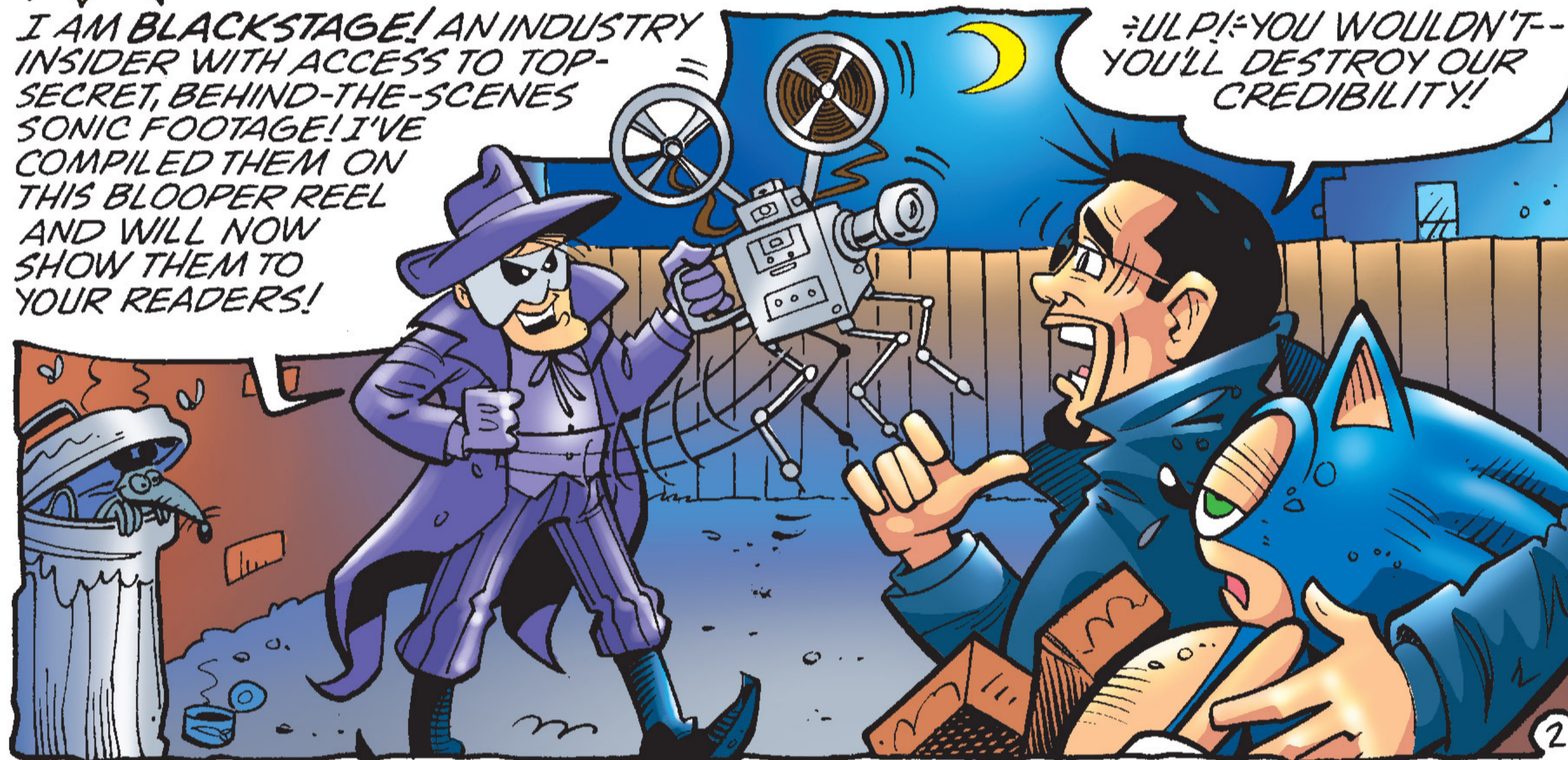
SCREEEEEEEECH!



Oooogah!  
÷gurgles÷  
...uh-unscripted...  
÷mumbles÷  
...where's m-muh  
d-duh-double?...

SHHHH! DON'T  
TRY TO--÷GASP!÷  
--WHO ARE  
YOU?!

I AM BLACKSTAGE! AN INDUSTRY  
INSIDER WITH ACCESS TO TOP-  
SECRET, BEHIND-THE-SCENES  
SONIC FOOTAGE! I'VE  
COMPILED THEM ON  
THIS BLOOPER REEL  
AND WILL NOW  
SHOW THEM TO  
YOUR READERS!



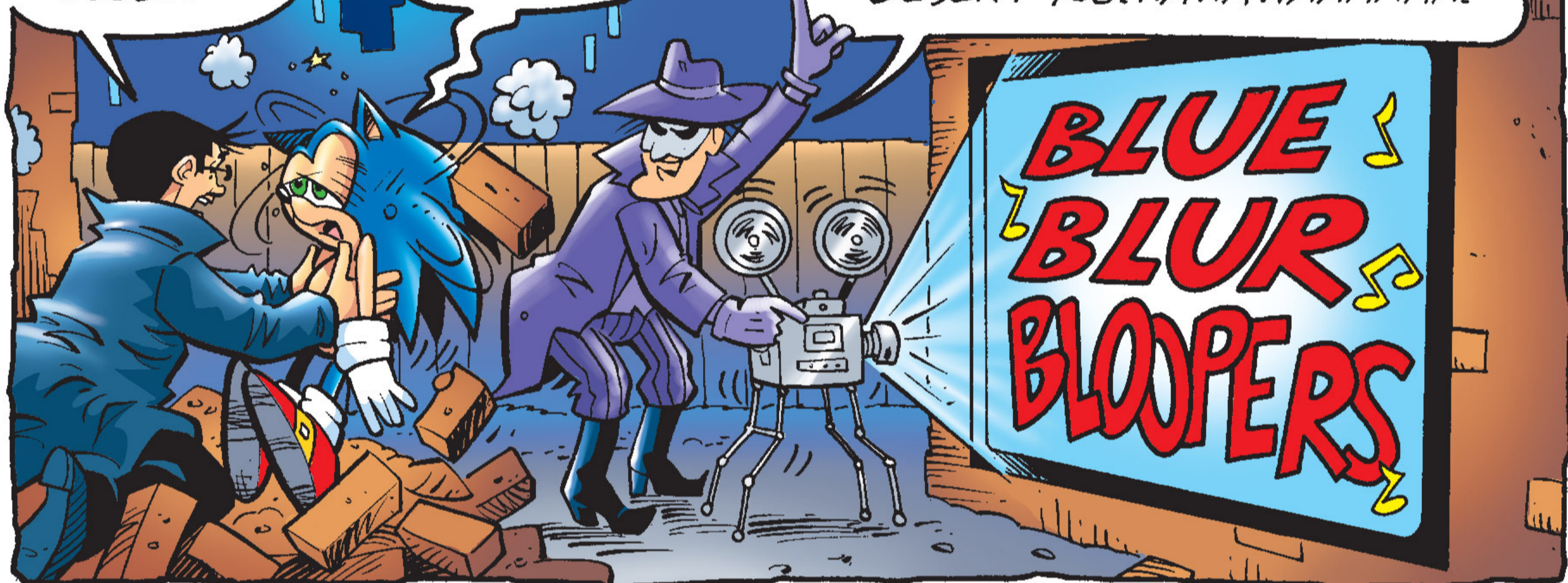
÷ULP!÷ YOU WOULDN'T-  
YOU'LL DESTROY OUR  
CREDIBILITY!



SONIC--GET UP!  
TAKE HIM OUT  
BEFORE THE  
OUT-TAKES  
DEBUT!

÷SPUTTER!÷  
DAY-WHO?

TOO LATE! I NOW STRIP AWAY THIS  
TITLE'S RESPECTABILITY BY EXPOSING  
YEARS OF MANIPULATION AND DECEPTION!  
SOON, ALL YOUR READERS WILL  
DESERT YOU! HA HA HAAAAAA!



SEE, WE "CHROMA-KEY"  
OUT YOUR IMAGE SO  
ONLY YOUR HAND IS  
SEEN... LIKE WEATHER  
MAPS ON THE NEWS...

SKIP THE TECH  
TALK AND HURRY  
UP--I'M SUFFO-  
CATING IN  
HERE!

MY, MY! AREN'T WE  
GROUCHY TODAY!

÷GRUMBLE÷ MY  
AGENT'S GONNA HEAR  
ABOUT THIS!...



IN ISSUE # 50, PAGE 22, PANEL 1-  
DID YOU REALLY THINK SONIC WAS  
FREEING HIMSELF FROM THE  
ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR? TSK-TSK!

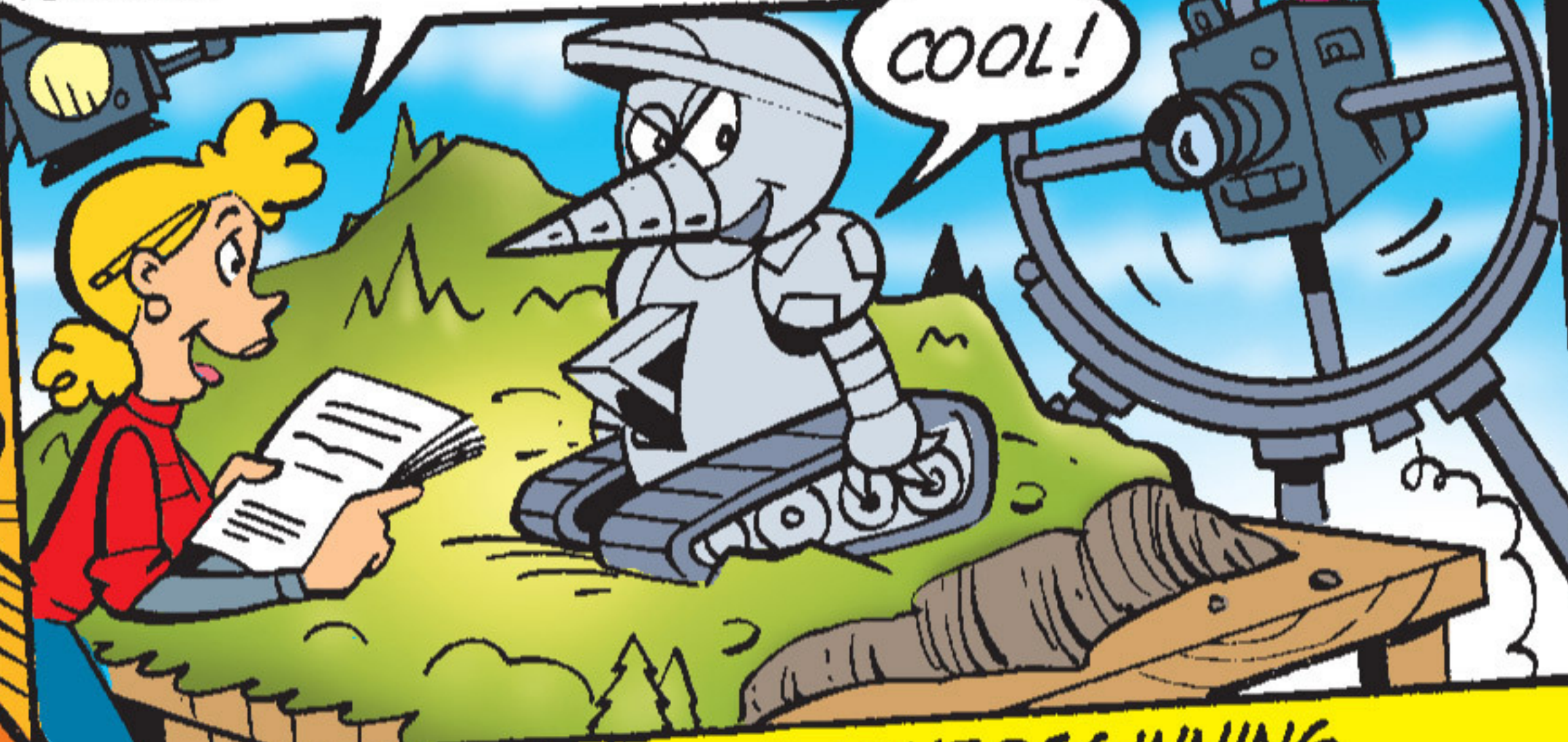
DID YOU KNOW THAT KING ACORN  
HAD TO UNDERGO SIX HOURS OF  
MAKEUP FOR HIS "CRYSTALLIZED"  
OF THE KING" IN SSS#4?

YO! WHAT TIME'S LUNCH?

KEEP YOUR MIND  
ON YOUR WORK,  
BRUCE!

IT'S AN OLD TRICK--YOU STAY STILL AND THE  
CAMERA GOES UPSIDE-DOWN, CREATING THE  
ILLUSION OF YOU FLIPPING!

COOL!

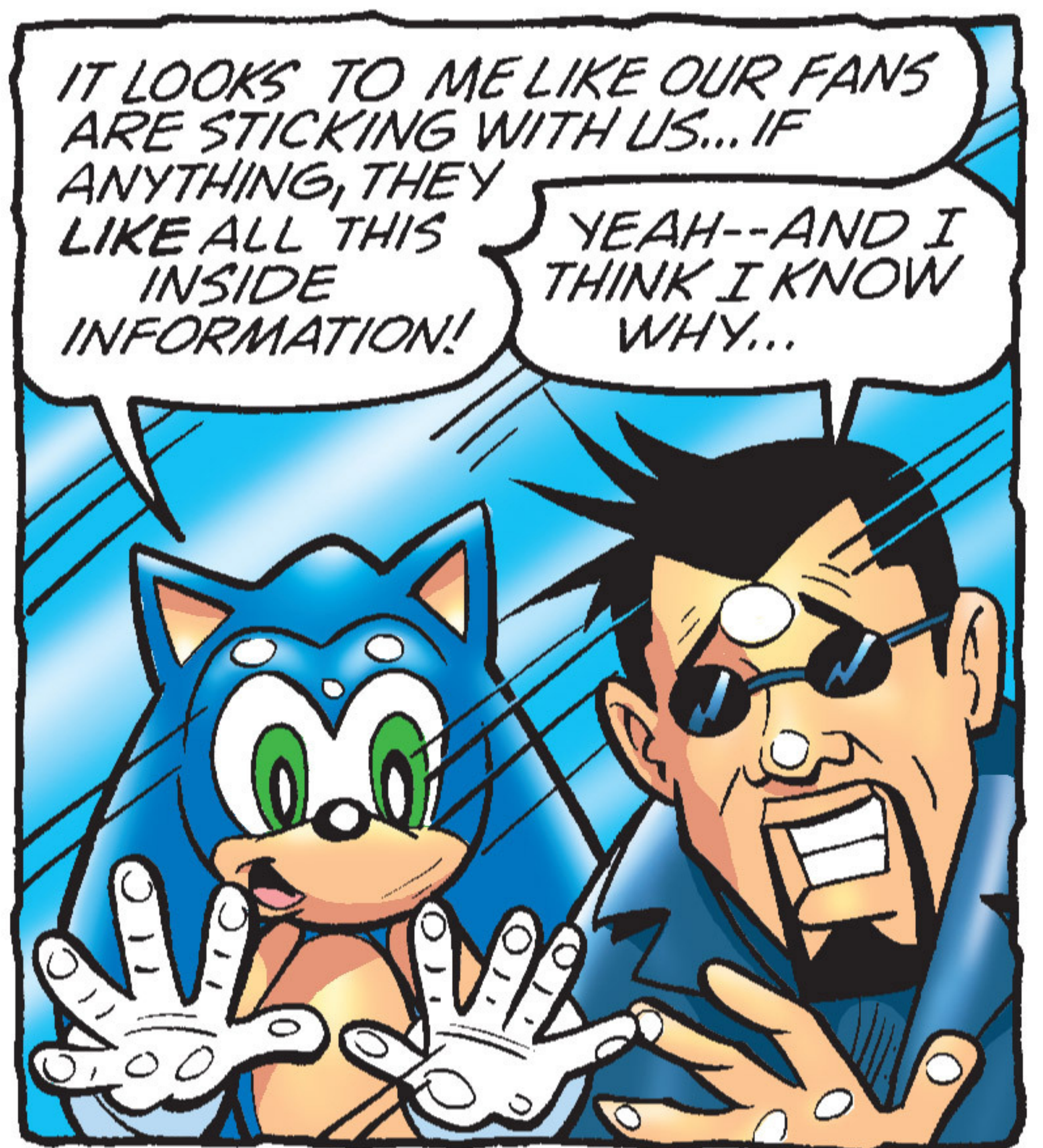
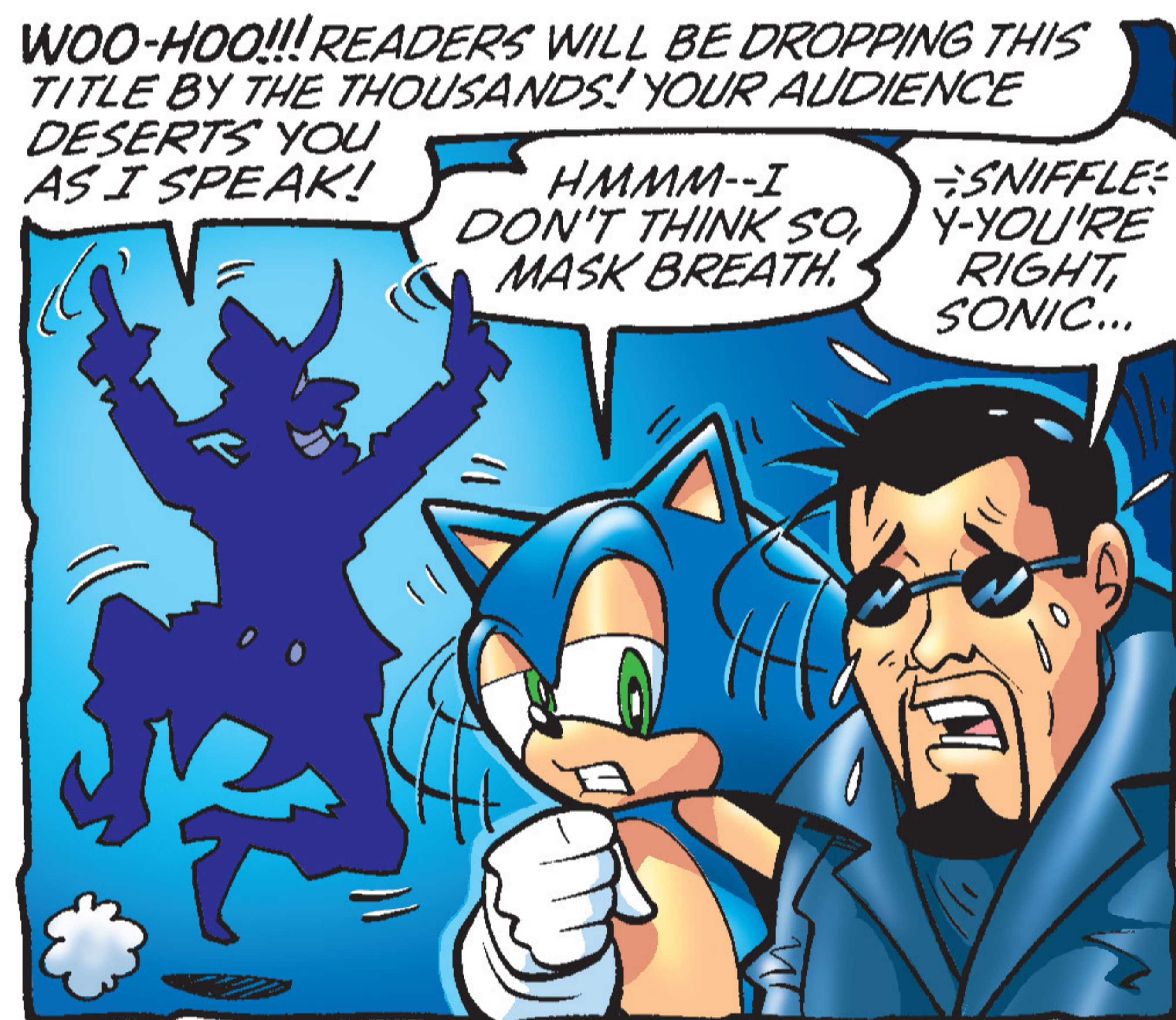
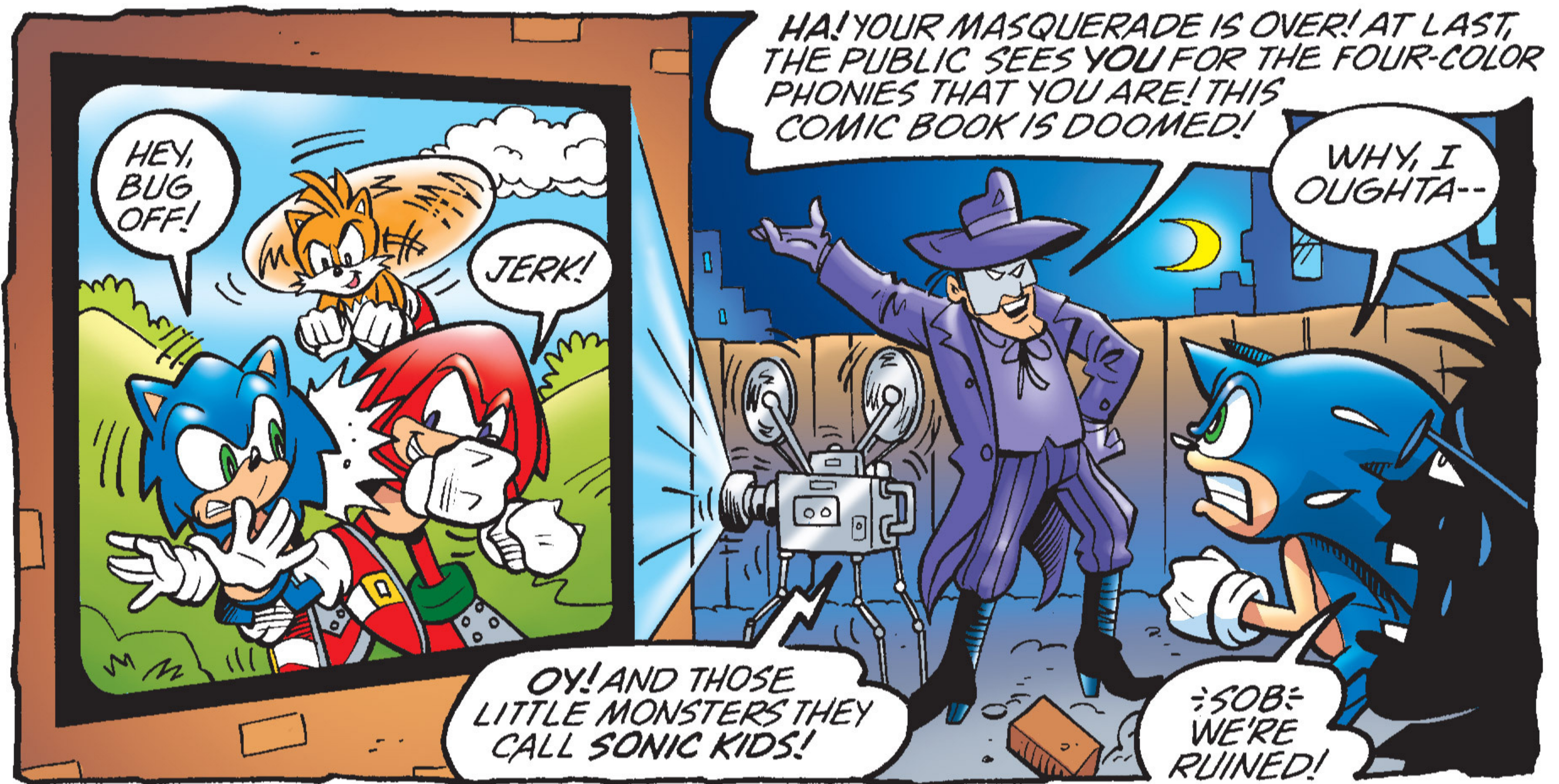


IT'S BEEN LIKE THIS FROM THE BEGINNING  
OF THIS BOOK... ALL THE WAY BACK TO "RABBOT  
DEPLOYMENT" IN STH#3!

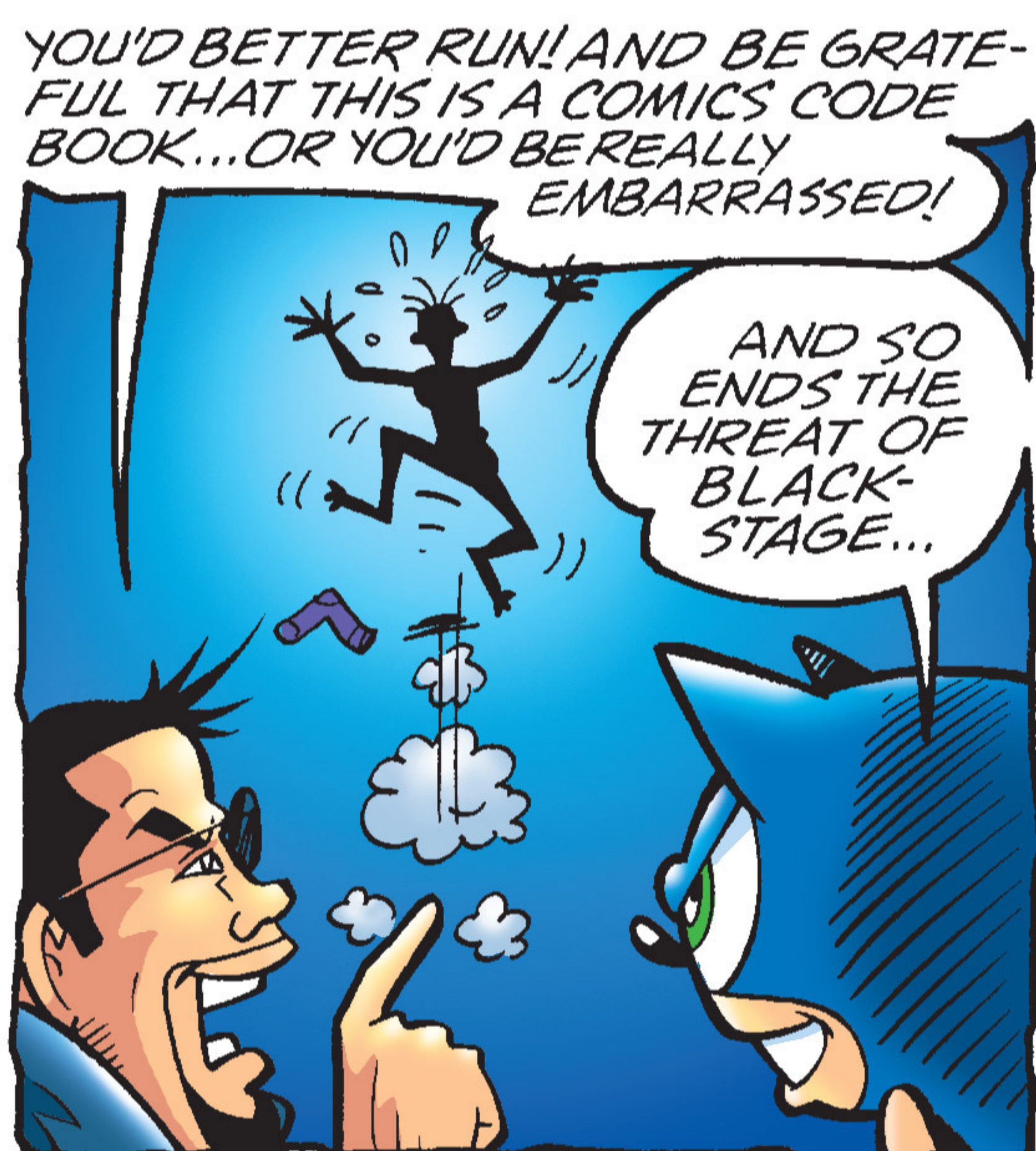
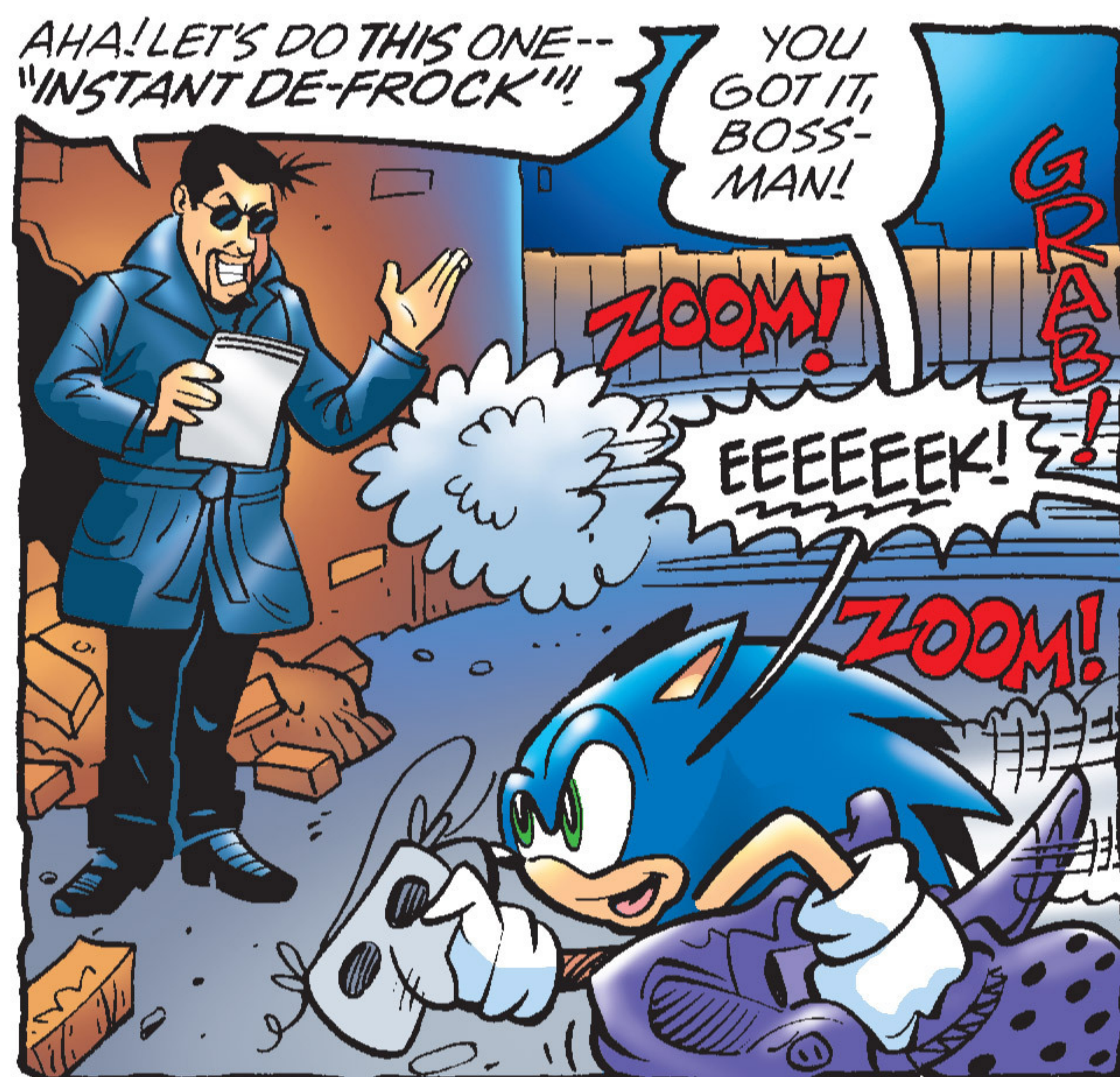
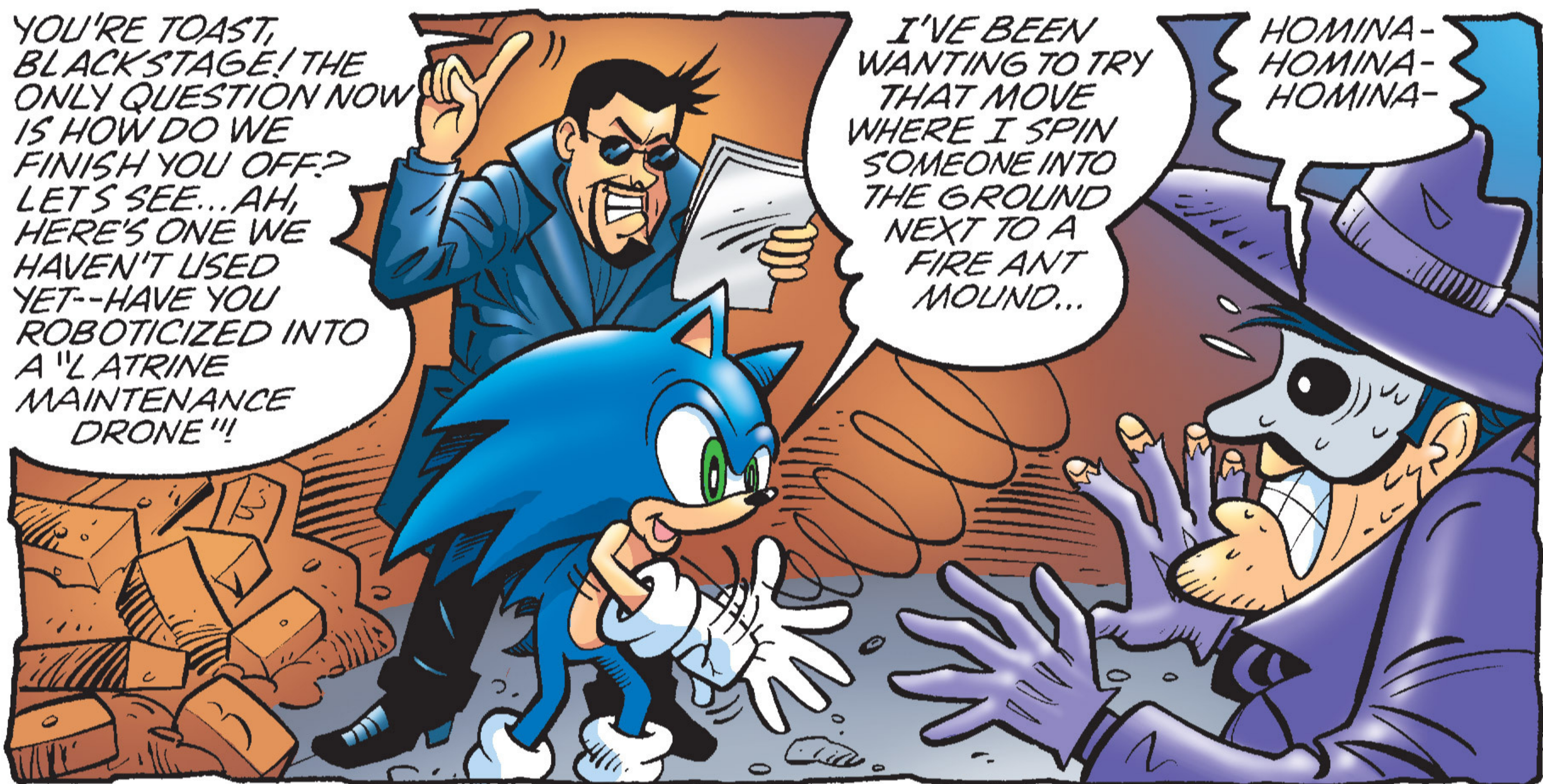
AND DON'T GET ME STARTED ABOUT STUNT  
DOUBLES! HERE'S ONE FROM "NAUGUS GAMES"  
IN SSS#15. GO THROUGH YOUR COLLECTION!--  
THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!

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BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE!--MP (SORRY, JUST CAN'T  
PASS UP ONE OF MY FAMOUS "SHAMELESS PLUGS")









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AND SONIC X #6 ON SALE 03/15/06!